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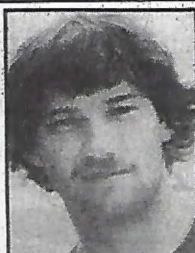
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• Burke — to Canberra Arrows



• Milovanovic — to Brisbane City

Abonyi axed, five players signed

Gully, Heidelberg, strengthen squads

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Atti Abonyi of Sydney Croatia became the second coach to bite the dust as the National League continued to undergo major changes.

At least five recruits joined NSL clubs, Blacktown moved to the top of the Australian Conference ladder Juventus was beaten.

The new recruits are Steve Marley (Heidelberg), Mike Milovanovic (Brisbane City), Bobby McGinness (Green Gully), Peter Burke (Canberra) and Greg Woodhouse (Sydney Croatia).

Marley switched from Croydon City for about \$8000, McGinness from Morwell Falcons for \$7000, Woodhouse from ARIA for about \$10,000 and Burke on a free transfer while little is known of Milovanovic's move to Brisbane City.

Some details about the players.

Marley: a left back, sweeper or midfielder from Pollock in Scotland, formerly with Hibs.

McGinness: striker, ex-Sydney Hakoah, SM-Hellas, Juventus (Vic), won Victorian Rothmans Medal in 1980.

Woodhouse: goalkeeper, former Australian international.

Burke: ex-Barnsley, Halifax and Rochdale in England, centre back.

Milovanovic: ex-youth international, formerly of Canberra and Blacktown, centre-back or full back.

Abonyi, all-time top scorer of the national team and former star of St George Budapest and Melbourne-Hungaria, signed Woodhouse on Friday, and Ken Boden and

Nello Borges from Sydney Hakoah two weeks ago, but was sacked after Sydney Croatia has lost 1-2 to Blacktown last Sunday.

Bobby McLachlan had been sacked by Footscray J.U.S.T. the previous week, and in the Victorian State League, former Soccerco Billy Vojtek parted company with St Albans.

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VSF CALLS OFF IRAKLIS CLASH

Victoria has called off its proposed soccer match against Iraklis of Greece on Friday, 22 June.

The Victorian Soccer Federation balked at the \$30,000 match fee. With State team expenses and ground rental added on, the total cost would have been about \$45,000.

The VSF argued that as Iraklis will have played five games in Australia by then, the match against Victoria would not draw the crowd required to meet the costs.

Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Juventus, Glasgow Rangers and Ipswich are to take part in the international series, along with an Australian A team and an Australian B team.

Iraklis's tour remains in doubt. The club still is in the Greek Cup, the final of which will be played on 10 June, yet it is to open its Australian tour two days earlier — against Australia B in Adelaide.

Iraklis officials have asked the Greek Soccer Federation to reschedule the final for 1 June, but the seven other clubs still in the competition hardly are likely to agree.

EURO GAMES ON 0/28

Network 0-28 will telecast live via satellite the European Cup-Winner's semi-final second leg between Manchester United of England and Juventus of Italy, tomorrow (Thursday) at 4.15 am.

The match, to be played in Turin, will decide who takes part in the 1984 European Cup-Winner's Cup final in Basle, Switzerland, three weeks later. The winner will also emerge as popular favorite for that trophy.

Following the thrilling 1-1 draw between the teams in the semi-final first leg, this tie promises to provide some of the best soccer seen in years, with many of the world's top players in action — Rossi, Platini and Bonin for Juventus; Robson, Wilkins and Whiteside for United.

The live satellite telecast is only a sample of the top European soccer scheduled to screen on Network 0-28 in coming weeks.

On Thursday, April 19 at 11.05 pm viewers saw the replay of the semi-final first leg between Manchester United and Juventus which ended in that 1-1 draw. Only one week later comes Network 0-28's live telecast of the second leg.

On Thursday, May 17 at 4.10 am, Network 0-28 will telecast live from Basle, Switzerland the 1984 European Cup-Winner's Cup final. That will be followed on Thursday, May 31 at 4 am with a live satellite telecast from Rome, Italy of the 1984 European Champion's Cup final — a game not to be missed.



• Fawcner is flying high on top of the Victorian State League ladder. So is its striker Bruno Cozzella as shown in these pictures by LES SHORROCK. The picture at top shows Cozzella's determination as he tries to get a shot in against Western Suburbs player Tim Papachristodoulou (left). Above Cozzella is shown crashing into Suburbs goalkeeper Rocky Tachiris, who had to be taken to hospital after this spectacular clash. Fawcner won the match 4-2. See page 11.

Skeen drops out, Greedy in doubt, Wheatley stands by

Australia — and St George — probably have lost two key defenders for the next few weeks.

Young fullback David Skeen is definitely out, with a broken wrist while goalie Terry Greedy may have measles.

Skeen fell off a motor bike on Saturday and, naturally, missed Sunday's match against Brisbane City.

In fact, he wasn't even at the game, having been retained in hospital at Wollongong. Greedy's suspected illness was diagnosed by a doctor after Sunday's match when the international goalie came out in spots.

National coach Frank Arok is likely to call up Robert Wheatley from Blacktown to replace Skeen in his international squad.

If Greedy also drops out with a confirmed case of measles, his place could go to a man who must have really impressed Arok last Sunday: Kim Wishart of Brisbane City, who starred for his team against St George.

About his chances of selection, Robert Wheatley said: "Arok has stated that players



Robert Wheatley

outside the squad won't be disregarded. I believe that my current form must be going for me.

"Arok has mainly selected three players for each position and I am optimistic enough to think that I must be at the top of the next bracket."

Wheatley represented Australia against Taiwan twice, Indonesia and Fiji at a stage when future international players were being moulded from the youth team.

Studying physical education cut into his career after that but this season he's as fresh as a daisy and right at his peak. Continued page 5

Przybyla forgotten, Macquarie favored

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Take a look at the scorers' list in this year's Victorian State League, then ask yourself why Polonia striker Janusz Przybyla isn't travelling to Newcastle to play for Victoria against Northern NSW this weekend.

"When I first selected the squad I was thinking about playing Joe Sweeney and Bobby McGinness up front. They appealed to me as a combination. Joe of course has been overseas for the past few weeks and in that time Noel Mitten and Ian Tuffield have been very impressive at state training. I think I'm well served with regard to a striking combination," said Victoria coach Tim White.

While Przybyla, who has played First Division soccer in his native Poland, isn't in the Vic squad, a young midfielder who at present can't get a regular game with his NSL club, has been drafted into the squad. Heidelberg's Marcelo Salvo was called up recently by White.

"I spoke to Brian Garvey (the Heidelberg coach) about young Salvo. Brian told me that Salvo got injured and during his absence the side had gained good results so the lad found it difficult to get back into the side. Brian has allowed me to take Salvo to Newcastle this weekend," said White.

Strange.

Just as curious is the attitude of Western Suburbs. White learned two weeks ago, on a Wednesday, that work commitments necessitated the exit from the squad of classy Polonia sweeper Stefan Mita. So White contacted Ged Stenson, Suburbs' recent English import, and invited him to training that same Wednesday night. White didn't have time to officially inform Suburbs, which reacted by refusing to release Stenson for state training. And Suburbs didn't even train on that particular Wednesday night.

Then there's the tale of Graham Watson, the Doveton midfielder, who failed to turn up to state training last Wednesday night. I spoke to White at 3 pm on the following day and he still was waiting to find out whether or not there was a plausible reason for Watson's absence.

But if you're scratching your head in disbelief at the goings on with the Victorian team there are thousands of soccer followers in Northern NSW still walking about in a daze after learning that Northern NSW coach Mike Trebilcock has selected seven Lake Macquarie players in his squad. Coincidentally, Trebilcock coaches Lake Macquarie.

The preparation of the Northern NSW squad has been thrown into turmoil by the recent collapse of Newcastle KB and emergence of Newcastle Rosebud United as its NSL replacement.

Some weeks ago, Trebilcock announced a 27-man training squad. He cut that down to 16 the other week but that final 16 included eight players not selected in the initial squad!

Here's what we believe to be the Northern NSW squad but don't be surprised if there are changes:

Jim Goldsmith, Gus Hardes, Ken Bevan, Ralph Dixon, Steve Bajard, Richard Hartley, David Wilson (Lake Macquarie); Russell Mansley, Ian Bannion (Western); Dale Rowney (Cardiff); Robert Cox, Warren Davies, John McGinness, Ralph Meier, David Jones, Simon Brandt (Newcastle Rosebud United).

We're not sure, but we think that the Victorian squad is something like this:

Sean Keogh, Andrew Zinni, John Dowie, Joe Sweeney, Harry Hird (Brisbane Juventus); Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill); John Gardiner, Rick Liparski, Dave Gibson, Noel Mitten (Polonia); Ian Tuffield (Fawcner); Colin Quigley (Northcote); Lou Kastner (Croydon); Bobby McGinness (Morwell Falcons); Marcelo Salvo (Heidelberg United). We don't know if Stenson or Watson will be called back in. And McGinness was set to join Green Gully Ajax as we went to press.

It all should make for a rather interesting contest between two teams called together to signify a grand occasion — the centenary celebrations of both the Northern NSW and Victorian federations. I'm not going to predict the final scoreline. But I will predict that it may be a 100 years or more before Victoria and Northern NSW play against each other again.



Attila Abonyi



Mick Jones

A mere step away from super leagues

I don't want to upset the citizenry unduly but I'm afraid the news cannot be suppressed any longer: the National Soccer League doesn't exist. Not for Sydney, anyway.

Through a complicated set of bureaucratic decisions and careful manipulation, an illusion would prove the opposite.

We do have a NSL office. It stocks stationery and certain weekly bulletins are issued under its logo. In other words, some signs of life would indicate that my original statement is merely a hoax, fit for an afternoon newspaper headline, maybe even the back page.

Far from it. Let me prove it. As far as NSW is concerned, the National Soccer League died the day Philips Industries bid adieu, even if for two painful years after that, morticians had been propping up the body.

When the League — Philips League, then — began in 1977, with 14 teams, there were five Sydney representatives.

The idea was — never publicly uttered but well understood — to form an elitist league without the "ballast" teams like Bankstown, Manly, Auburn and some such.

Okay now, what do we have today?

The original five Sydney teams have increased to 10 and Newcastle and Canberra help make up the Australian "Conference".

The two Brisbane teams do NOT play in this league on equal terms — that leaves the 10 Sydney teams (including Wollongong) plus Canberra and Newcastle.

Newcastle has just collapsed and its place handed to Adamstown: I wish them luck but they'll need much more than that.

So, in effect, if you remove Canberra all you have is a NSW super league — if not in name, then in essence.

And yet, it parades as an Australian Conference of the National Soccer League.

Without very much difficulty, this league could be run as a Super League by the NSW Federation. Indeed, this is quite likely to happen.

Should any unforeseen calamity

befall Canberra and should Adamstown have a gutful of the empty glory by 1985 — the scene will be set for further changes.

Such as what? Well, all you have to do is add two or three teams from the surviving hopefuls — Sutherland, Manly, Linden, Auburn or who knows what — and pronto, we have returned exactly to the State League of 1976.

And all that now is just one little step away.

Of course, the situation is a bit more complex in the other group — but in essence the same is likely to happen. The current eight Melbourne teams could swell their ranks to 12, form a local league and ask the Adelaide and Brisbane clubs to please leave and play somewhere else.

In the Australian Conference, only two clubs could be regarded as viable propositions for semi-pro soccer: Olympic and Croatia. And one of them, Olympic, is eternally on the brink of collapse.

The others are basket cases. What other conclusion can you reach when you read these attendance figures: Marconi 750



Rale Rasic

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Blacktown 750 ... Penrith 250.

Until this year Sydney Hakoah's crowd figures were the big joke. You can add some others to that mirk, including both Italian-backed clubs, Marconi and APIA.

The National Soccer League, in its present form, with its current structure, sickly management committee, cannibalistic rituals instead of sensible meetings, cannot survive. It has no right to survive.

Those appointed to run soccer's affairs had better start thinking now what to do in 1985. If they pretend that things will improve on their own, they'll run out of time to lay sensible plans for next year and can kiss the whole NSL goodbye — together with their innumerable expense-account journeys across Australia.

Scoffing at \$240,000

Thanks to more than the usual haggling within the NSL, the proposed \$240,000 a year sponsorship with West Nally has not been signed.

The ASF went ahead and concluded its own long-term deal with West Nally, refusing to wait for the NSL executive to make up its collective mind.

Grotesquely enough, some NSL top brass don't even care. They have reportedly scoffed at the offered \$240,000 as a "mere \$10,000 per club..."

But there is no other benefactor on the horizon and West Nally may lose interest in an NSL which has precious little to offer in return anyway.

Now, I know \$240,000 isn't a lot nowadays but I didn't know the NSL's coffers were so full that they can just ignore such an offer.

Aggression runs amok

Spare some sympathy for national coach Frank Arok. Hardly a week passes without some of his "chosen 40" being sent off.

First it was Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina, then it's Marshall Soper.

Unless I'm badly mistaken, they all served a suspension last year, too.

Frank Arok has repeated often enough that he wants his players to have "controlled aggression" — though I must confess I find the term contradictory.

"Aggression" must be manifested. It must be out in the open. It must be directed at a target, an opponent or an enemy.

The very moment it's "controlled" it ceases to be aggression. It's frustration, emotions bottled up, castration.

Frank will have to decide whether he can trust Kosmina and Co. for vital international duty — whether Soper, for instance, has the mental stability to survive for 90 minutes in a cauldron without lashing out.

It's an awful risk to have a player with a proven "record" in an international squad. If Arok sacks Soper, he will have to sack Kosmina, too — and lose two almost irreplaceable strikers from his squad.

Watch for developments with interest.

Born-again veterans

Clive Eaton was star



Vest is NSW boss

Alan Vest (pictured) has been appointed NSW's first full-time director of coaching.

Vest was Western Australia's director of coaching before taking Newcastle KB United into the National League in 1978.

It was Vest who guided KB United through its most successful seasons, but he became frustrated over the club's lack of funds to retain a winning team, so he moved to West Adelaide Hellas for the 1982 season.

During his two-year stint with West Adelaide, Vest also was coach of the South Australian State team that beat Yugoslavia 1-0.

A former midfielder with Barnsley in England, Vest moved to New Zealand where he captained the national team in 25 internationals between 1971 and 1974.

He scored against Australia in a 3-3 draw during the 1973 World

striker of Western Suburbs in 1977; later he appeared briefly for Olympic, then faded out of the NSL.

Last week he made a sudden return — and whacked in three brilliant goals against Macedonia. Actually, there are quite a lot of players around who once played in the NSL, vanished into lower divisions — and have now reappeared, thanks to the enlarged size of the NSL.

Billy Rogers, at 34, is back with Juventus; Peter Blasby is between the posts again with Croatia; David McIntosh and Michael Cross are starting for Penrith and quite a few former NSL players have returned to the NSL with Melita.

Needless to say, these home-again stars are trying twice as hard to prove that they should not have been discarded in the first place.

Hooray for the Greeks

It was amusing to read in a newspaper the proud boast that "Australian soccer had a good weekend. Some 7,000 fans turned up at the South Melbourne game."

Technically, of course, this was correct — except that of the 7,000 fans some 6,995 were Greeks chanting for Hellas.

Much the same way, almost all, if not all, the spectators at the Olympic v Melb. Croatia game were Greeks and Croatians.

In fact, the only English-speaking people at these matches are the referees, linesmen, inspectors, some pressmen and a few nice old pensioners who live next door and saunter down for an afternoon of diversion.

Rasic to return?

Rale Rasic has been out of the game for many months now. In fact, he has reportedly settled his dispute with South Melbourne Hellas.

Which also means he's available again as a coach.

His name has been romantically linked with a Sydney club which isn't doing as well as its bosses had expected.

It's hard to imagine soccer without Rasic for too long — and we may not have to, if the rumors prove to be more than mere gossip.



Billy Rogers (left), still going strong with Juventus. Here he is with Branko Biljevic who retired this year.

Bobby Hogg back with Elizabeth C.

Former Australian international Bobby Hogg is set to make a comeback for Elizabeth City in Adelaide.

Hogg, who made 13 full international appearances for Australia in 1972-73, has started a rigorous daily training schedule that is expected to prepare him for a return in three weeks.

"I played all my games for Australia at full back, but I was a midfielder for St George in Sydney and hope to play in the middle for Elizabeth City," Hogg said yesterday.

Hogg, 37, joined Elizabeth as a reserve team coach this season and he has worked closely with new Rohmans League first division coach Peter Stanczak.

A former professional with Scottish clubs Hibernians and Motherwell, Hogg came to Australia in 1971 to join St George.

He played for the Socceroos against Dundee, Bulgaria, South Korea, NZ, Indonesia, Santos and Wolverhampton Wanderers before a broken leg ended his international career in 1973.

He made a successful comeback for NSW clubs Auburn and Avala before he broke his leg a second time in 1975.

"This will be my third comeback and I'm hoping it will be my most successful," Hogg said.

Ward, Pepper, Fleming for Rosebud

Newcastle Rosebud coach Jim Foley has combed Northern NSW to unearth some of the best talent in the area.

"Gary Fleming, a midfielder who played alongside Olympic's Gary Phillips at Coffs Harbour, will join us. We will get other capable reinforcements in Simon Pepper from Urunga and Ian Ward from Armidale," Foley said.

"We are only really starting to tap the talent that is available to us both in Newcastle itself and Northern NSW," he said.

Former KB coach Ken Kaiser has been snapped up by West Wallsend, the Northern NSW First Division club with whom he played in his playing



Bobby Hogg

Jackson's top-notch team-mates

Although Penrith City recruit Brian Jackson did not make any first team appearances during his 18 months on the books of English League club Blackpool, he played alongside some distinguished players in his reserve side.

These included England under-21 international Iain Hestford, ex-Liverpool defender Max Thompson, Sunderland's 1973 FA Cup winning hero Bobby Kerr and Dick Malone, plus a couple who later also continued their careers in Australia — Alan Waldron and Tommy Sermann.

Jackson joined Blackpool from Southport, of the Northern Premier League, in 1978, and left in March, 1980 when his contract was cancelled.

He then returned to non-league football and, while with Witten Alhion, was the third top goalscorer in the Northern Premier League during the 1982-83 season.

A \$1,600 transfer took him to Macclesfield Town, which the Liverpoolian served immediately prior to joining Penrith.

In Australia Jackson, a powerful winger, will be expected to provide much of the punch the newly-formed club needs if it is to establish itself in the NSL.

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Billy Bremner's loss Socceroos' gain?



Stuart Cannell — star defender of Green Gully

Stuart Cannell seriously thought a few weeks back about approaching Jimmy Rooney, his coach at Green Gully Ajax, and asking to have the captaincy responsibilities taken off his shoulders.

"Being only 24 and captaining a side in its first year in National League soccer was something I found very hard to cope with at times. But I suppose I'll get used to it," said Cannell.

His job wasn't made easier by the absence, through injury, of experienced sweeper Steve Short. Cannell found himself surrounded by youngsters David Hogben, Ron Kremers and Paul Beranic in defence. Kremers and

Beranic weren't regulars last year with Ajax in the Victorian State League but this season they've been thrust into the fray at the highest possible club level in Australia.

"The young lads were doing well in the first half early on this year but they seemed to lose concentration after half-time. I found it hard to worry about their game as well as my own," said Cannell.

Referee Sam Zoumas was in charge of the Sun-

shine-George Cross V. Ajax game to open this NSL season. Cannell was captaining Ajax in its first-ever NSL match.

"Young Paul Beranic told me during the game that Mick McGorian (Sunshine-George Cross) was giving him a hard time. I asked Zoumas to watch what was going on between Paul and McGorian. Zoumas didn't want to know. I said that as the captain I was asking him to watch what was happening. So he booked me!"

At the end of last season, after Ajax won the State League championship for the third successive time, Cannell was confident that the team would finish in the top four in the National Conference this year. He's had to re-assess that view.

"The way things are right now, I expect us to finish in the middle of the table. When Peter Lewis, Paul Lewis and Peter Boyle left the club earlier this year and Steve Short was out injured, I wasn't happy at all. In fact, there was a time when I felt like leaving myself.

"When I first joined the Gully I said that I wanted to have a crack at the National League. When the chance came the other year for me to go to Marconi, Gully slapped \$20,000 on my head.

"I told the club last year that if it got into the National League this year then I'd stay, and I've kept my word.

"I've heard this, that and the other about other clubs and what they're offering players but I can't see the point in getting an extra \$1000 or \$2000 if you're not happy with your club."

Ajax spent the past three years downing opponents with near contempt. It won championships and cups with an ease unparalleled in State League soccer in Australia during that period.

But it had to wait for the sixth game of the 1984 NSL season to register a win, 1-0, against Footscray JUST at Schintler Reserve.

"They say that it's tough at the top but believe you me, it's a hell of a lot tougher at the bottom.

"That win against Footscray was great. I'm not a good loser, and it was just the thing we needed at the time.

"The first time we won the State League (1981) was the best. It was absolutely brilliant and the crowds were good too. We didn't get any bonuses for beating the good sides in 1982, and 1983 was really hard. We ended up winning the league by only a point."

Cannell came to Australia, to Altona City, now in Metro First Division, but then in the Victorian State League, midway through the 1979 season.

He was born in Doncaster in England and played with local Yorkshire League club Bentleigh Victoria between the ages of 15 and 17. He switched to Mossley in the Northern Premier League but only for a week. He wasn't happy with his contract and Stan Anderson, manager of English Fourth Division club Doncaster Rovers, told Cannell that he wanted him to join.

"That was on a Tuesday. On the Friday, Anderson phoned again and told me to come down and train. The boss at my work didn't want to give me the time off but the union bloke fixed that up so I trained with Doncaster on the Friday. On the Saturday morning Anderson told me that I was playing against Barnsley. He said he hadn't told me earlier because he didn't want me to get too nervous about it. The crowd was over 22,000.

"When I got back to the dressing rooms after the match reporters from the local papers were waiting

to interview me. I went to work on the Monday expecting the boss to sack me. He didn't. He'd seen the story about me in the papers. But that same week I signed a contract with Doncaster."

Anderson was sacked after Cannell had been at the club for a year. Former Leeds United and Scotland captain Billy Bremner took over as manager. Bremner decided to keep Cannell but the young stopper was injured later that season, at the same time as the chairman of directors at Doncaster decided to cut the full-time playing staff down to 18.

"Jack Cunningham, our physio, knew Joe Wilson when they were at Wolves together. Joe was coaching Altona at the time and Jack told him about me. Altona sent me a contract and arranged my air fare.

"I got fit again and played against Grimsby. It was my best game for Doncaster and we won 4-3. On the bus back home, Cyril Knowles, the Doncaster coach, said that I was silly to go to Australia. He really wanted me to stay. On the Monday after the Grimsby game, Bremner offered me a new contract but I turned it down, so he then went to the newspapers saying that I and eight other players were being put on the transfer list."

Cannell joined Altona after the club had played

nine State League games in 1979. At the end of the season he returned to England. Again, Bremner offered Cannell a contract. Again, Cannell refused.

At the end of the 1980 season, Altona told Cannell that it simply couldn't afford to offer him the same terms.

But Green Gully Ajax, through astute coach Bobby McLachlan and shrewd administrators Arnold Langer and Guy Spiteri, had different ideas for Cannell, who had applied for permanent residency and kept it quiet. Once his residency came through, he joined Ajax.

"I still go to Altona games. They've got a bunch of supporters who will follow the club until they die.

"Ajax had to pay \$2,000 for me. I don't really know why. Maybe there were a couple of rogues at Altona at the time."

With Ajax, Cannell's reputation soared. He's played with Victoria and he wants to play for Australia.

The National League will provide the exposure needed to achieve his aims.

He's good in the air, extremely aggressive, and comfortable on the ball. And remember, he's just 24. His best years are ahead of him.

Cannell clearly is one of the best stoppers to break into the NSL limelight this season.



CRAIG MACKENZIE
INTERVIEWS
ONE OF THE NSL'S
TOP STARS
AND ONE OF
THE NEW BOYS...

Senkalski speaks out on the decline of KB

Joe Senkalski was looking forward to the quietest Easter break he'd had in 15 years when I spoke to him last week.

Senkalski, 27, a schoolteacher at St. Mary's Catholic school in Gateshead, proud Novocastrian and former Socceroo, hadn't come to terms with recently-formed NSL club Newcastle Rosebud United when we spoke.

"I don't want people to get the wrong idea. My senior career started with Adamstown Rosebud, so I've got a lot of time for the club. The aim of Newcastle Rosebud United is to keep NSL soccer in Newcastle and that's a commendable thing. When Rosebud helped the crippled KB to stay in the league, it assumed a great responsibility and it is accepting that responsibility well. I respect the club for that. But I'm a professional and I know my value and at this point in time I unfortunately haven't been able to come to terms with Newcastle Rosebud United," said Senkalski.

When Adamstown Rosebud, then in the northern NSW State League, stepped in a few weeks ago to form the NSL replacement for financially floundering KB, most observers expected all the KB players to be given free transfers because of KB's inability to meet its contractual obligations. However, the ASF ruled that transfer fees had to be paid by the new club to help pay KB's creditors.

"Rosebud is getting legal advice on this matter, I believe. I also understand that the ASF was advised by its legal people that its decision was warranted on the basis that

KB was a limited company and to meet its debts it had to sell its assets — the players.

"I agreed on a fee for my services to play against Brunswick Juventus the other week, but only for that game.

"I want to stay in Newcastle. I've had plenty of offers from Sydney and also from Heidelberg, but leaving Newcastle would mean trying to get a teaching appointment elsewhere."

Senkalski joined Sydney Olympic for the start of the National League in 1977 but the following year, when KB was formed, he returned to Newcastle. He's made two Socceroo appearances, the first against Greece in 1978, and in 1980 when he came on as a sub at Olympic Park in Melbourne against Mexico.

The Socceroo line-up that night against the Mexicans was: Woodhouse — Perry, Yzendoorn, Henderson, Tansey — Sharne, Christopoulos (Senkalski 34th), Barnes (Jankovics 34th), Krncevic — Boden, Cole.

Senkalski starred in midfield in that 1-1 draw, yet it was his last national team appearance.

"KB players never have been exposed to the right eyes. By that I mean the people who pick the national team."



Joe Senkalski

Senkalski also has definite views on KB's demise.

"We were very well prepared and well organised early. Perhaps to too great an extent, actually.

"We had full-time coaching and administration and there was tremendous promotion of the club. Especially through the local TV station, NBN 3. But when David Fordham went to Brisbane, we lost our trump card. He always gave soccer equal exposure on NBN 3 with Rugby League.

"When our exposure on TV fell away that had a direct effect on our ability to attract sponsors. That was the major downfall of KB for we never had our own licensed premises and relied heavily on sponsorship.

"And the crowds dropped too. The local fans complained about our style of play and the use of imports. They seem to want to see a team entirely made up of local players. Well, they've got that now with Newcastle Rosebud United, so we'll see whether or not they come back to the games. The vast majority of our support comes from Novocastrians and they seemed to be telling us that they simply weren't being entertained the way they were in the early years.

"KB always had a problem holding on to its players. The club had to sell Kenny Boden, David Lowe and Howard Tredinnick because it needed the money desperately.

"On the administration side, I'd say that overall KB lacked stability, rather than ability. We had many business people running the club and few soccer people and there was little agreement between the administrators and coaching staff."

Senkalski, like all the KB players, expected a mass exodus from KB to the newly formed Newcastle Rosebud United. He also expected Ken Kaiser, the KB coach, to be appointed coach of the new NSL club. Instead, Newcastle Rosebud United appointed Jim Foley.

"It came as a shock to all of us when we were split up, some joining Newcastle Rosebud United and others, like myself, still undecided about our futures. And we all expected Ken to get the coaching job.

"The reason KB did well last year was because every player wanted to play for Ken. I can't say the same about Alan Vest's stay at KB. Some players disagreed with Alan's philosophy on how the game should be played, and also disagreed with the amount of imports in the side.


"Ken knows the game thoroughly. He'd love to play an attacking game with players expressing themselves out on the park. Ken gave us a fairly free hand last year and we enjoyed ourselves."

Senkalski is reaching his playing peak. Years of honing skills backed by match experience at NSL and Socceroo level have made him one of the finest midfielders in the Australian game.

He admits to being very ambitious. If Newcastle Rosebud United can't lure him, then at least six National League clubs will dangle a large bait in front of him. And Senkalski just might bite.



David Fordham (left) interviewing Frank Ark — he gave KB a fair deal on TV




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Christopoulos returning

By
PETER WINDSOR

Ex-Socceroo George Christopoulos, fresh from success with top Greek side AEK Athens, will return to Australia in a fortnight.

The \$64,000 question is will he then play for Canberra Arrows?

No-one knows for certain but the tipping is that Christopoulos would be reluctant to miss a playing opportunity in Australia.

If this happens it will just about complete Doug Collins' Arrows' squad — one rocked by the loss of Christopoulos and rugged defender Terry Byrne — in the close season.

Christopoulos would be a logical choice as sweeper.

It is in the back-line that Collins had had his major problems — a problem he moved to plug last week by signing tough Newcastle defender Peter Burke.

Christopoulos has made no secret of his ambition to break into big-time UK soccer — and once before he went awfully close only to be beaten by being unable to gain a work permit.

Youth league

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Rosebud 3 Olympic 2, Penrith 7 Marconi 4, Canberra 4 St George 1, Blacktown 1 Croatia 0, APIA v Sydney Hakoah and Wollongong v Melita Eagles postponed.
Standings: Canberra 9, Rosebud 9, Blacktown 9, AIS 8, St George 8, Penrith 7, Melita Eagles 7, Sydney Hakoah 6, APIA 6, Olympic 6, Marconi 5, Croatia 2, Wollongong 0.



GIANTS COLLIDE IN THRILLING ROUND

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

The National League today (Wednesday) enters its most interesting round of the season so far, with decisive matches between the big guns at venues throughout the country.

The perpetual winners of Sydney Hakoah take on new Australian Conference leader Blacktown at Sydney Athletic Field, in a match which will determine whether Blacktown has what it takes to be a league front-runner.

Steve O'Connor should be back in the Hakoah defence, to help counter goalscoring wizard Clive Eaton.

Marconi, which has scored 13 goals in two games, and which is firing on all cylinders, with Rod Brown, David Lowe and Peter Sharpe deadly in attack, meets Olympic, which notched five against Newcastle Rosebud last Saturday.

In Melbourne, the Hellas v. Makedonia match tops the bill, with Hellas hoping to climb nearer the top of the ladder and Makedonia still intent on getting the best from its high-priced recruits.

And at Schintler Reserve, neither J.U.S.T. nor Heidelberg will give an inch.

J.U.S.T. won in Brisbane last Sunday — no mean feat by any means — while Heidelberg, which had a setback against Green Gully, will field new recruit Steve Marley from Croydon at left back.

Canberra Arrows, fresh from its victory over Makedonia, takes on Victorian big gun, Melbourne Croatia. Both are among the top-scoring sides in the league, so this one is worth going miles to see.

Tommy Cumming, Frank Farina, Steve Gojevic, Tony Curcio, Tommy Sermanni, Josip Biskic, Tony Franken — a smorgasbord of stars to tempt the palate.

Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

HOGGEN (2) (Green Gully)	COSTELLO (1) (Geo. Cross)	NYSKOHUS (1) (Adel. City)	BROMFIELD (2) (Brisb. City)
BELIC (1) (Foots JUST)	MELTA (1) (Adel. City)	JANKOVICS (1) (Marconi)	
PATIKAS (1) (Syd. Olympic)	MULLEN (1) (Adel. City)	LATIF (1) (Geo. Cross)	

TODAY (WEDNESDAY)
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Blacktown at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.
Sydney Croatia v. St. George Budapest (draw) at King Tomislav Park, 3pm.
Sydney Olympic v. MARCONI at Pratten Park, 3pm.
Brisbane City v. APIA-LEICHHARDT at Spencer Park, 3pm.
JUVENTUS v. Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park No. 2, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Canberra Arrows v. MELBOURNE CROATIA at National Sports Centre, 3pm.
MELITA EAGLES v. Penrith at Melita Stadium, 3pm.
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.
GREEN GULLY v. Adelaide City Juventus at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
SM-Hellas v. Makedonia (draw) at Middle Park, 3pm.
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Sunshine-George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Bradley holds lead

John Bradley of APIA has retained his lead in the voting for the \$1500 Boral Bricks best player award, and, along with Peter Katholos of Olympic, also is joint top scorer in the league.

The top scorer will receive \$1000 from Boral Bricks so Bradley could be headed for a clean sweep.
Barry Hoare (Blacktown), Gary Bromfield (Brisbane City) and Ken Murphy (SM-Hellas) made up the most ground in the voting this week.

32. Bradley (APIA).
30. Franken (Can).
27. Hoare (Black), Mcintosh (Pen).
26. P. Treddinnick (APIA).
25. Murphy (SM).
23. Wishart (BC), Bromfield (BC).
22. Jackson (BL), Farina (Can).
21. Mullen (AC), Wade (GG), McPherson (Mel Eas.), O'Reilly (SGC), Sproul (WA).

ST. GEORGE 1 (Petkovski 71st) — BRISBANE CITY 2 (Bromfield 62nd, Liddell 68th), at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Andrew Dettre:

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7, Ricoy 8 (Polias 80th), M. O'Shea 6, Ratcliffe 7, Koczka 7 (Danaskos 49th), J. O'Shea 6, Stone 5, Barton 6, Slater 5.
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 7, Liddell 7, Milovanovic 7, Bromfield 9, Mengotti 7, Fabrizio 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 6 (Wilkinson 87th), Glickner 7, Scriggins 83rd, Mountford 6. Coach: Joe Gilroy.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bromfield (BC), 5. Wishart (BC), 4. Ricoy (St G.), 3. Liddell (BC), 2. Koczka (St G.), 1. Mengotti (BC).

WOLLONGONG 1 (Beggs 32nd) NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 0 at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd 1100. Ratings by Phillip Micallef:

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 — Green 7, Vilestria 8, Willis 7, Fleming 7 — Condon 7, Bundalo 8 (Kerr 70th), Gaffney 7 — Kotamanidis 8 (Hristovski 75th), Fontana 7, Beggs 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.
NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Cox 6 — Kerby 6, Haslam 6, Boogaard 8, 75th, Brandt 7, Davies 6, Maier 7, McQuarrie 6 — Jones 6 (Caban 72nd), Eaton 7, Larkin 8 (Palmer 48th — 6). Coach: Cassey De Bruin.
Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Bundalo (W), 5. Kotamanidis (W), 4. Boogaard (N), 3. Vilestria (W), 2. Gaffney (W), 1. Green (W).

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold 68th) BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (McLauchlin 5th, Eaton 34th) at King Tomislav Park. Crowd: 4230. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

CROATIA: Watson 7 — Woods 7, Sterney 8, Vidale 8, Tomasich 7 — Borges 7, Meades 7, Boden 7 — Savor 7, Arnold 7, Clinch 7. Coach: Attie Abonyi.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 8, Wheatley 7, Pointer 8, Dunleavy 7, Rasmussen 7 — Sandy 7, Byrne 7, Selva 8 — McLauchlin 6, (Quarby 72nd), Eaton 7, Larkin 8 (Palmer 48th — 6). Coach: Cassey De Bruin.
Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Pointer (B), 5. Hoare (B), 4. Sterney (C), 3. Vidale (C), 2. Larkin (B), 1. Selva (B).

PENRITH CITY 1 (Wotherspoon), MARCONI 7 (Brown 2, Calderon, McCulloch, Sharpe; Lowe pen.; Jankovics) at Cook Park. Crowd: 1000. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:

PENRITH: Freeman 7, Brogan 6, Daley 6, MacIntosh 6, Cross 6, Alsworth 7, Lindsay 5 (Ritzharris 5 45th), Hale 6, Wotherspoon 6, Hunter 7, Cotton 7. Coach: Willie Wallace.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Brogan 81st) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Konstandopoulos 27th) at Olympic Park, No. 1. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Peter Desira:

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7, Curcio 8, Parton 7, Adams 7 (Lewis 48th), Biskic 8, Faulkner 8 (Markovac 71st), Antolovic 6, Gojevic 6, Brogan 7, Cumming 7. Coach: Terry Hennessy.
WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul 7, Papazoglou 8, McGachey 7, Baker 8, McGregor 9, Panagis 6, Manou 8, Attaslas 6, Brown 7, Konstandopoulos 69th, Malavazos 6. Coach: Sam Salabasilis.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McGregor (WA), 5. Papazoglou (WA), 4. Curcio (MC), 3. Baker (WA), 2. Biskic (MC), 1. McGachey (WA).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Paton 33rd) at Richlands. Crowd: About 900. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Evans 8, Jewson 8, Hunter 6 (Cork 63rd), Vasquez 6, Niven 7, R. Stewart 5, J. Stewart 5, Ogden 6, McDonald 5 (Jurna, halftime), Daunt 6, Cairney 5. Coach: Harry Noon.
FOOTSCRAY: Tsigris 7, Hazabent 6, McDowell 8, Tutill 7, Tansy 5 (Bekiaris 89th), Carroll 7, Belic 8, Curovic 6, O'Donnell 6 (Kyriakoulas 55th), Paton 8, Lujic 8. Coach: Cedo Ciricovic.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Belic (F), 5. Paton (F), 4. Evans (BL), 3. Jackson (BL), 2. McDowell (F), 1. Lujic (F).

GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Smart 23rd) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Wade o.g. 60th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: about 2000. Ratings by Ken Contra:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Beranic 7, Cannell 8, Williams 8, Hogben 9 — Vassallo 7, Smart 7, Wade 7, Mancinelli 6 (Smallman 67th 7) — McLelland 6, Carter 6. Coach: Jimmy Rooney.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Angele 7, Yankos 8, Gabrielson 6 — Peterson 7, Selemidis 8, Valentine 7, Vagias 6 (Tzintzis 67th 6), Winn 7, Peterson 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Hogben (GG), 5. Williams (GG), 4. Selemidis (H), 3. Yankos (H), 2. Cannell (GG), 1. Denys (GG).

MAKEDONIA 1 (Odzakov 34th) CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Redmond 52nd, Reis 57th) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 2500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 — McMillan 8 — Petrovski 6, Dunn 5, Iliosi 5 — Lucchesi 7, Dobson 5, Odzakov 7 — Hays 5 (injured, sub Gagic 5, 39th), Cole 5 (Ollerton 5, 48th), Campbell 7. Coach: Peter Ollerton.
CANBERRA: Franken 8 — Mihailidis 6, Redmond 8, Shields 6, Jones 8 — Sermanni 8, Brockbank 7, Bryant 8 — Farina 8, Perinovic 7, Reis 8. Coach: Doug Collins.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Redmond (C), 5. McMillan (Mak), 4. Bryant (C), 3. Sermanni (C), 2. Reis (C), 1. Franken (C).

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MELB. CROATIA.....	3	3	2	16	15	1
SM-HELLAS.....	2	3	2	12	8	1
ADEL C. JUVENTUS.....	3	2	3	8	7	1
Brisbane City.....	3	2	3	8	10	1
West Adel. Hellas.....	3	2	3	9	13	1
Makedonia.....	2	3	3	8	10	1
Brisb. Lions.....	2	3	3	9	12	1
Foots. JUST.....	2	2	4	9	10	6
Green Gully.....	1	3	4	6	13	5
S. Geo. Cross.....	1	2	5	3	13	4

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BLACKTOWN.....	5	2	1	15	9	12
MELITA EAGLES.....	4	3	1	11	8	11
SYD. OLYMPIC.....	4	2	2	16	8	10
APIA-L'HARDT.....	4	2	1	14	8	10
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St. Geo. Budapest.....	3	2	3	8	7	8
Penrith.....	3	2	3	12	17	8
Marconi.....	3	1	4	19	13	7
Newc. Rosebud.....	3	1	4	9	11	7
Wollongong.....	2	3	4	9	17	7
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5. Farina (Can), Winn (H), Patterson (H), Lowe (Mar), Gojevic (Melb.), Brandt (Newc), Soper (SO), Arnold (Syd. Cr.).
4. Eaton (Black), Konstandopoulos (WA), Daunt (BL), Sweeney (J), McCulloch (Mar), Duarte (ME), Jackson (Pen), Marlon (St.G.), Kosmina (SA), Brown (SM).

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 6, Calderon 7, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 7, McCulloch 8, Mason 7, Jankovics 9, Lowe 7, brown 8, Sharpe 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Jankovics (M), 5. Brown (M), 4. McCulloch (M), 3. Mason (M), 2. Sharpe (M), 1. Cotton (P).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 1 (Kerby 43rd) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (Patikas 7th, 53rd, Lambropoulos 30th, Koussas 57th, Theodorakopoulos 62nd) at Adamstown Oval. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Cox 7 — Milosevic 6 (Boogaard 55th, 7) — Kerby 7, Haslam 5, Maier 7, Davies 6 — Todd 7, McQuarrie 7, Jones 7 — Caban 6 (Cameron 81st, Brandt 6, Coach: Jim Foley).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers (inj), Theodorakopoulos 28th, 7), Dakos 6, Coady 7, Jennings 7 — Lambropoulos 8, Raskopoulos 7, Phillips 8 — Patikas 8, Koussas 7 (Gardikiotis 85th), Katholos 8, Coach: Manfred Scheffer.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Patikas (Oly), 5. Lambropoulos (Oly), 4. Katholos (Oly), 3. Phillips (Oly), 2. McQuarrie (NRU), 1. Coady (Oly).

BLACKTOWN 1 (Selva 61st) ST GEORGE BUD-APEST 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,000. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 — Wheatley 8, Dunleavy 6, Pointer 7, Rasmussen 8 — Selva 8, Byrne 7, Sandy 7 — McLauchlin 6, Eaton 7, Larkin 6 (Palmer 72). Coach: Cassey De Bruin.
ST GEORGE: Greedy 8, Sken 8, Ratcliffe 6, M. O'Shea 7 (Royco 70), Koczka 7, Barton 5, Stone 6, J. O'Shea 6 — Slater 5, Petkovski 5 (Danaskos 46 — 5), Marlon 7. Coach: Frank Arok.
Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Wheatley 8, Rasmussen 8, Greedy 8, Sken 2, Selva 1, Hoare.

WOLLONGONG 1 (Kotamanidis 39th) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Duarte 70th) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1800. Ratings by Phillip Micallef:

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 — Green 7, Vilestria 8, Willis 7, Fleming 7 — Condon 7, Bundalo 8, Gaffney 7 — Beggs 6, Fontana 6, Kotamanidis 6 (Farrell 84th). Coach: Adrian Alston.
MELITA: McPherson 7 — McCusland 7, McGinn 6, Wilson 7, H. Treddinnick 7 — Allan 6 (R. McPherson 59th), Jamieson 6, Davies 6 (Laing 46th, 6) — Duarte 7, Griffiths 7, Johnston 6. Coach: Raul Blanco.
Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Vilestria (W), 5. Bundalo (W), 4. Gaffney (W), 3. H. Treddinnick (ME), 2. Wilson (ME), 1. Green (W).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Gatenby 28th, Mullen 53rd) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: about 2000. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8 — Shillabeer 7, Rouders 8, B. Nyskohus 9, Dods 8 — Cecere 8, Melia 9, Maxwell 8 — Muller 8, Gatenby 7, Rankin 8. Coach: Edmund Kreft.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Keogh 8 — Geramita 8, Dowie 7, Rogers 8, Hind 7 — Cullen 6, Miranda 8, Swinscoe 7 (Sweeney H.T. 7) — Lloyd 7, Ward 8, Zinn 6. Coach: John Margaritis.
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Mullen (Adel Juve), 5. B. Nyskohus (Adel Juve), 4. Melia (Adel Juve), 3. Miranda (Brun Juve), 2. Keogh (Brun Juve), 1. Dods (Adel Juve).

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Abonyi axed

From page one

"Apart from the coach of the top team, we might as well sack everyone else," Abonyi said this week.

But he remains philosophical. "It's not pleasant, but I'm big enough to take it. It's all part of football. I'm not the first to be sacked, and I won't be the last."

Abonyi has been replaced by former Blacktown coach Mick Jones.

"I was responsible for picking the team, so I guess I'm the one in the firing line," Abonyi said, "but I've still got confidence in the boys and I know they can do it."

"We demolished Blacktown but we just didn't get the breaks. Every team goes through bad patches and good patches. We went through a bad patch, while teams you wouldn't have expected it, are riding high."

"I was given only two months — eight games — but you can't build a business in two months, otherwise everyone would be in business."

"B clubs with big support haven't got any patience. They're under tremendous pressure to win, to keep the crowds coming. But I'm disappointed the club didn't show confidence in me."

Meanwhile, reigning champion St George Budapest has lost successive games to Blacktown, which Saints coach Frank Ark describes as a possible new champion, and Brisbane City and Queensland Makedonia have slipped to eighth place, the victim of Blacktown and Canberra.

Chance for Wheatley

From page one

A product of the huge Kuring-gai junior nursery, Wheatley received his chance to shine with the Blacktown club.

Blacktown forced its way to the NSW Soccer League status by winning the 1982-83 season and then spent 1983-84 back in State League.

"I think the club showed a deal of commonsense at that stage," Wheatley said.

"They didn't rush in and attempt to win the State League but did well enough to be promoted when the league was expanded."

"This year, with the addition of Phil O'Connor and Gary Byrne and the extra experience of Chris Dunlevy at the back we are putting it all together."

"Our first aim was to consolidate our position to avoid relegation. To do this we had to record sound results over the first 10 games."

"Those results are coming so we have turned to our next objective to secure a place in the top five."

In successive games the Demons took ambitious Makedonia apart with an unexpected 4-1 result and out-thought and out-fought NSL champions St George to win 1-0 on Tuesday night.

"Signing Clive Eaton proved an inspired move as he netted a hat-trick first up," Wheatley said.

"Phil O'Connor won't be out that long with cartilage trouble so we will take some stopping when both of them are in the team."

APIA's Tony Morsello has been the only winger to really bother Wheatley this year.

"APIA's results speak for themselves this season. When we lost 2-1 to them, Morsello received tremendous service from Peter Tredinnick in the midfield," Wheatley said.

He didn't have all that much trouble with St George wizard Dez Marton.

Wheatley said, "Both Marton and Ken Boden can be incalculable for a long while but then you suddenly find that what they are doing is crucial to the outcome of the game."

Game off, fans fume

Dozens of angry fans left Henson Park in disgust after finding the main gates locked 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off of Saturday's clash between APIA and Sydney Hakoah.

The match had been called off in the morning after Marwick Council ruled the rain-soaked pitch would be damaged if it went ahead.

There was no sign at the main entrance, however, and a number of fans were incensed by their wasted journeys.

The match now has been tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday, May 2, although it is not known if Henson Park will be available.

Latif, Costello kill off Hellas

S.M. Hellas 0
Sun.G. Cross 1

Scorer: Latif 55th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 2500.
Cautions: Lewis (Hellas), Stevenson, Bennett (S.G. Cross).
Referee: Bernie Upjohn 6.



Craig Mackenzie

Tom Costello was carried off Middle Park shoulder high by ecstatic Sunshine-George Cross supporters who just had witnessed one of the upsets of the National Conference season.

With two minutes to go and Sunshine-George Cross players tackling like demons to try and keep South Melbourne Hellas at bay, referee Bernie Upjohn awarded a controversial penalty to South Melbourne.

At that stage, the plucky Sunshine-George Cross outfit was clinging tentatively onto a one goal lead which seemed certain to be erased as Hellas and former Soccerroo sweeper John Yzendoorn stepped up to the penalty spot.

Yzendoorn tried to place his penalty attempt low into the corner of goal but Costello flung himself full length to tip the ball centimetres wide of the upright.

Sunshine-George Cross players surrounded Costello patting him on the head in an obvious show of delight.

No less joyous were the scenes on the terraces as Sunshine-George Cross fans broke into loud cheering which was sustained until well after the final whistle.

Ossie Latif, bought by Sunshine-George Cross from Melbourne Croatia earlier this year for \$10,000, scored the winning goal in the 55th minute.

Chris Taylor, the Sunshine-George Cross left back, made superb sliding tackle to tip the ball from Hellas forward.

Paul Lewis. In a flash, defence had been turned into attack with Latif charging down the left wing.

Latif cut inside, past one defender, then unleashed a fierce, low drive from 15 metres, sending the ball rocketing into the far corner of goal.

A feature of the match was the manner in which Hellas attacks consistently broke down on the edge of the Sunshine-George Cross penalty area. No less prominent was the ferocious tackling and tremendous commitment of Sunshine-George Cross players who had walked out onto Middle Park as pronounced underdogs.

Sunshine-George Cross sweeper Jim O'Reilly was outstanding. Time and again his tackles proved decisive.

Hellas might have extremely skilful individuals and can play some exhilarating interpassing soccer, but it lacks a bit of dig, that down-to-earth physical quality which is the hallmark of every championship side.

Sunshine-George Cross coach Tommy Traynor, the recent recipient of fierce criticism from his club's fans, suddenly found himself cast as the hero.

So for at least a few days Traynor can sleep peacefully. And deservedly so. His players ran themselves into the ground last Monday.

And just a word about Paul Lewis being taken off. Why make him the scapegoat when he was doing no worse than anyone else, and when Hellas needed goalscorers on the field?

Man of the Match:
TOM COSTELLO
(Sun.G. Cross)



Tom Costello

Redmond, Reis lift Canberra



Laurie Schwab

Makedonia 1
Canberra 2

Goals: 1-0 Odzakov 34th, 1-1 Redmond 52nd, 1-2 Reis 57th.

Venue: Connor Reserve.

Cautions: Lucchese (Mak).

Referee: Evan Vantom 6.

Makedonia started the match without Con Opasnis and goalkeeper Steve Potter, who were both injured, and lost another two players during the match.

First winger Graham Heys was injured and replaced by George Gagic in the 39th minute.

Just after half-time striker Gary Cole also limped off and was replaced by Peter Ollerton.

Canberra had slumped to the bottom of the ladder after the Wollongong picked up a point against Melita Eagles the previous day.

The Arrows appeared doomed to stay in last position when Zarko Odzakov shot Makedonia into the lead after a square pass from Cole in the 34th minute.

Playing with the aid of a very strong wind, Makedonia should have dominated the younger Canberra side but it failed to do enough in the first half.

The home side was outplayed when Canberra made use of the wind after the interval.

Makedonia's best chance to increase its lead came just before half time when Gary Cole raced away on a long pass but shot past the post with only goalkeeper Tony Franken to beat.

With Steve Bryant and Tommy Sermanni pushing Canberra forward from midfield, centre back Tony Redmond equalised with a header from a Bryant corner in the 52nd minute.

Five minutes later Sermanni cut inside from the left, slipped the ball to Alan Reis who belted it hard over goalkeeper Richard Wilson for Canberra's second goal.

Makedonia came close to equalising in the 64th minute but Bryant cleared Robbie Dunn's low shot off the goal line.

Makedonia captain George McMillan went from defence into attack in the last few minutes but Canberra held on valiantly, with Redmond staring in defence.

Makedonia coach Ollerton kept his players behind locked doors for more than an hour afterwards for a post mortem.

Let's hope he found a solution to the team's lethargy during the second half. Only McMillan looked like he really wanted to play throughout the 90 minutes.

Odzakov looked good in the first half but faded in ratio with the others, as did Ljube Petrovski.

The defence, with the exception of McMillan, had one of its worst days. All the markers were run off their feet, particularly by Alan Reis and Frank Farina.

Ollerton's experiment of using centre back Ian Dobson failed to have the desired effect of adding tackling power to that department.

Dobson spent most of the game watching what went on around him.

Gary Cole must be commended for setting up the goal for Odzakov, but he also missed the easiest chance of the match. He would be more effective were Claude Lucchese to play alongside him as a second striker.

Croatia oh so unlucky

Syd. Croatia 1
Blacktown 2

Scorers: McLaughlin 5th, Eaton 34th, Arnold 68th.
Venue: King Tomislav Park.
Referee: Peter Rampley 9.

Blacktown continued its run of successes with yet another win, this time at the expense of luckless Croatia at King Tomislav Park.

Michael McLaughlin and Clive Eaton scored for the Demons, but it was John Larkin who brought Croatia to its knees. This slim, fast and ever-so entertaining player showed what kind of talent Australia can create. He was at his brilliant best in the opening stanza to create opportunities which in the end brought the two pointer home.

He fled away from Woods in the opening minutes of this match to create an opening with his cross and with Croatia's defence in tatters, came McLaughlin to slam it hard under the crossbar for the opening goal.

With half an hour gone and Croatia attacking, a quick break away started with Robert Wheatley's short push to Gary Byrne, a quick pass to McLaughlin, then a crossfield pass to Larkin who sped away from Woods to open a gap in Croatia's defence. His cross was neatly tucked away by Clive Eaton and the Demons were on the way to victory.

It was a shame that Larkin had to be replaced after 48 minutes.

It was a very hot day and the youngster appeared to suffer from dizziness early in the second half. Ashley Palmer came on. Soon after Croatia assumed total control and peppered Hoare's goal with shots from all angles. Casey De Bruin brought on Michael Quarmby in place of McLaughlin purely to retain Blacktown's healthy lead.

The Demons were reduced to two men up front and at times only Clive Eaton, as Croatia stormed forward in search of goals.



Alex Vesic

Man of the match:
CLIFF POINTER
(Blacktown)

Barry Hoare was in great form to deny Croatia, saving from a great header by Lee Sterrey, then from a low drive by Arnold. He was also there to dive at the feet of Shane Clinch and stop two drives by the youngster only to see Graeme Arnold score at Croatia's third attempt in the 68th minute.

From then on it was a matter of survival for Blacktown as its defenders kicked the ball to safety, rarely crossing the halfway line.

Kenny Boden and Nello Borges came to life in this stanza as did Wally Savor but numerous crosses, half chances and real chances went begging. Steve Meades hit the post from a 25 metre drive in the 77th, then Arnold's shot was brilliantly palmed away by Hoare in the 80th.

In the end Blacktown came off the park as victors but one couldn't possibly fault this gallant Croatia side. With just a little luck it could so easily have been the other way around. Croatia threw everything forward in the true Abonyi attacking style and if his side lost, then let me tell you that on the day it was soccer that won, for it was one of the most entertaining and competitive matches I have seen in years.

Peter Rampley was on par with the rest and controlled this match with authority. It was refreshing to see that yellow cards were not given at random despite the toughness of the encounter.

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Jankovics tops in 7-1 rout



Mick Mikolajczyk

Penrith 1
Marconi 7

Scorers: Brown 2, Calderon, McCulloch, Sharne, Lowe, Jankovics.

Venue: Cook Park.

Referee: R. Lorenz 7.

Cautions: McLintosh (P), McCulloch, Henderson, Mason (M).

After Penrith had gone into an early lead in the eighth minute, who could have foreseen such a devastating final scoreline?

It was Roy Cotton who mesmerised several defenders inside the penalty area before squaring to Ian Wotherspoon who forced the ball under keeper Bruce James from close range and the home team suddenly found itself one up.

In the 21st minute, Marconi drew level. Rod Brown had been buzzing around Penrith's goal and after one of his shots had been blocked, his second attempt flew through a maze of legs and cannoned off a defender into the net.

Marconi was in front in the 34th minute. Steve Calderon rose majestically to glance an indirect freekick in off the post. Marconi's collection of fans were at last playing as a team and were gradually pushing Penrith into defence.

It took Marconi only two minutes after the restart to go further ahead. Ever-astid Tommy McCulloch broke Penrith's offside trap, chased down Craig Mason's through pass and went around Freeman to score.

Man of the Match:
MARK JANKOVICS
(Marconi)

Marconi by now were quickly gaining confidence and their midfield trio — Jankovics, Mason and McCulloch were playing splendidly. Front-runners Brown, Lowe and share were cleverly moving off the ball, allowing the midfielders to play intelligent balls into space.

The last 20 minutes saw Penrith's defence collapse totally, allowing Marconi to power in four goals.

In the 70th minute fullback Mike Cross kept Rod Brown outside but the galloping striker's effort was well saved by Freeman.

Less than a minute later Peter Sharne showed some stylish wing play to best his fullback Brogan and fire in by the near post.

Ten minutes later Rod Brown posted Marconi's fifth when he gladly accepted Jankovics' probing pass and sped through a non-existent defence to goal.

By now Rod Brown had run his marker, Dave McLintosh ragged, forcing the tiring defender into error on several occasions. One such foul inside the area on Brown in the 88th minute resulted in a penalty which David Lowe easily converted.

The final goal came two minutes from time and was a fitting reward for Jankovics who had an excellent game in midfield. Joe Rizzotto overlapped on the left, beat the defence and sent over a curling cross away from goal which was met magnificently in the air by Jankovics whose header from 15 metres gave keeper Freeman no chance.

So 7-1 was Marconi were just too good.



Coaches' quotes

• CASEY DE BRUIN (Blacktown):

"I had seen plenty of videos on them and I sat down for the last two weeks and debated how to close them down," de Bruin said.

"It was first a matter of attacking (David) Ratcliffe and (Mick) O'Shea in defence. St George, you see, built their attacks from the back four.

"That left only (Andrew) Koczka to come out and that severely disrupted their attack.

"Then we decided to keep our left-winger right up forward to keep (David) Skeen busy.

"So many of their attacks came from that right side of their defence.

"Up front we whacked a man-on-man cover on the two forwards, with Stuart Selva on (Mark) Barton and Rob Wheatley on Dez Marton.

"The problem that Marton causes with most teams is that he doesn't recover very quickly and stays up front.

"There he can pounce on any loose balls and run away with them, and he has a bit of space.

"Because we had stopped Skeen, Slater, who relies on him for the ball, was far less effective.

"They were really one of the teams in the NSL that I thought we could beat.

"They don't have a lot of flair, and with enough thought it is possible to break a team like that, even with slightly lesser-known players."

• FRANK AROK (St George)

"If the result is the final fruit of a coach's efforts then I think that de Bruin out-coached me.

"The way they have been playing over the past few weeks I think they'll win the championship.

"But, like us, they will have their slumps. They won't always play that way. So I can't really say what they will do.

"The team we played on Tuesday night, though, are a very, very good side."

• JOE GILROY (Brisbane City)

"St George is not a shadow of the team it was last season. It used to be that St George was a team you approached with great trepidation but apparently that isn't the case any more.

"I think it's too much to ask of Frank Arok to dissipate his energies between St George, the State team and the National side and its having an effect on his club.

"We could easily have finished with four goals today."

• FRANK AROK (St George)

"That's life. We've just got too many injuries and we're not making the most of the chances we create."

Andrew Dettre

Man of the match:

GARY BROMFIELD
(Brisbane City)

St George 1
Brisb. City 2

Scorers: Bromfield 62nd, Liddell 68th, Petrovski 71st.
Venue: St George Stadium.
Cautions: Slater (StG), Perry, Bromfield, Frabrizio (BC).
Referee: Gary Power.

It wasn't a great day for national coaches. While a few miles away, at Croatia, assistant supremo Attila Abonyi was being summarily dismissed, out St George way Frank Arok received possibly the first jeers and boos of his Sydney career.

With Saints, facing defeat with ten minutes left, Arok clearly annoyed his fans by replacing probably the best of a poor bunch, Riccio and Koczka.

A small crowd of whistles and jeers erupted, all coming from staunch St George fans on the stand; a symbolic Easter crucifixion of a man whose golden touch is being rapidly eroded by his players' leaden legs.

There can be not much doubt that Brisbane City was by far the more composed and literate of the two teams and should have won by a much bigger margin.

The Queenslanders, without aspiring to greatness, were competent, flinging the ball around well, using the flanks intelligently and, at the rear, easily containing the disjointed St George strikers.

For the second time in a row, the Saints produced an inept, amateurish and even apathetic display.

How experienced campaigners like Marton or Stone or young hopefuls like Slater can labor for 90 minutes without hardly an inspired moment, must pose a depressing riddle for Arok.

True, the Saints were severely handicapped. The absence of Robert O'Shea and David Skeen with broken limbs was a blow.

Skeen's attacking forays were especially missed. The two young makeshift full-backs, Pedro Riccio and Andrew Koczka, were just about the pick of a jaded team — yet Arok had them replaced near the end, in a desperate bid to rescue a point through the inclusion of two genuine strikers, Polias and Danaskos.

The move was jeered by the fans and the play faltered. Had it come off, in the shape of a late equaliser, Arok would have taken a giant step closer to canonisation.

Whatever good or acceptable soccer was dished up came from Brisbane City. Particularly in the first half, they were very clearly in command and could have gone into the lead through Glockner and Mengotti — two youngsters we will hear a lot more about.

One of the many fine interceptions and overlapping runs

Fans boo as Arok tries to turn tide

by Gary Bromfield paved the way for City's victory.

In the 62nd minute, after a careless John O'Shea pass, Bromfield streaked off on the left, shook off a slow Ratcliffe and slammed a low shot inside the far post.

Marton woke up briefly from his long Easter siesta in order to reply with a sharp shot on the turn, well saved by Wishart. Then the veteran Dez went back into his deep slumber.

In the 68th minute an innocent Frank Liddell shot could have received a deflection: there was Greedy sprawling on the ground, watching helplessly as the ball trickled past him, over the line.

Young Petrovski pivoted and shot well in the 71st minute to reduce the Saint's deficit — but that was all the fallen champions could produce on the day.

In the second-last minute, replacement Bill Wilkinson could have grabbed a third Brisbane goal; his sudden shot hit the post with Greedy watching, mesmerised, clearly misjudging the ball by yards.

This Brisbane City, mobile and imaginative, won't be anybody's punching bag this year.

Coach Joe Gilroy is blending youth and experience with a deft hand.

One had to be tremendously impressed with the left full-back display of Bromfield, possibly the best seen in Sydney this year. At long last, a good defender with excellent ball skills and attacking qualities — a reincarnation of Stan Acklerley?

The Saints have enormous problems. They are extremely thin in senior players; kids, like Riccio, Koczka, Polias and Danaskos who should be nursed along quietly are now asked to carry the stricken team.

With Skeen and perhaps even Greedy out, on top of Robert O'Shea, the Saints will have to curb their 1984 ambitions — unless the financially-besieged club can find some hidden reserves for at least two new players.

If Frank Arok ever had a chance to prove his magic coaching touch, this was his opportunity.

The fact that he's also preoccupied with the national team makes his difficult task even more complicated, if not impossible.

If there is one coach here who can do it, it's Arok. But don't go crazy betting on it.

Man of the match:
ROBERT WHEATLEY
(Blacktown)

Blacktown 1
St George 0

Scorer: Stuart Selva 61'.
Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 1,000 (approx.).
Cautions: Barton, J. O'Shea (SG), Rasmussen (BC).
Referee: Doug Rennie B.

Blacktown Demons justified their position on the NSL table with yet another fine performance to down the Australian champions, St George, at Marconi Stadium.

Saints, the favored side, failed to live up to their high rating and seldom looked like the side that took the title last year.

In fact from the moment Michael McLaughlin eluded Saints defenders in the 4th minute to face Terry Greedy, Blacktown looked the more determined, more physical and certainly better organised outfit. McLaughlin played a neat one-two with Clive Eaton but finished poorly as Greedy came out of goal to cut the shooting angle.

Greedy, the Saints and Australian custodian, stood between some early Blacktown offence and his net. Johnny Larkin, the stylish Blacktown flanker, ran through some poor Saints defence then deliv-

de Bruin the master tactician

ered a fine pass to Eaton who shot hard only to see Greedy make a splendid save.

After half an hour, McLaughlin crossed for Adam Slater to head low but Greedy was there again to smother the ball.

Then with 50 minutes gone and the scoreline still at 0-0, Chris Dunleavy made an error which looked decisive. Tony Danaskos robbed Dunleavy on the edge of the area, then with Barry Hoare to beat he calmly pushed the ball 16 metres wide of the post!

Saints came close through Slater after a Dez Marton chip in the 54th but a fast and aggressive challenge by Robert Wheatley saved the day.

Then came the Ratcliffe-Greedy clash in the 61st. Greedy appeared to hold onto the cross from Gary Byrne but lost it after Ratcliffe backed into him and Stuart Selva was on the spot to push it into the net.

From then on it was all one-way traffic with Blacktown missing at least two good scor-

ing opportunities to drive its superiority home. Sandy beat the offside trap in the 79th to face Greedy but instead of shooting or lobbing, Sandy cut the ball across the area for Ratcliffe to clear.

With minutes left, Ashley Palmer, the replacement for John Larkin, latched onto a cross by Wheatley to head goalward but the ball grazed the outside of the post with Greedy well beaten.

It was a fine performance by Blacktown and much of the credit must surely go to coach Casey de Bruin. Frank Arok has heaped praise on his Blacktown counterpart claiming that he was beaten by good tactics employed by de Bruin's Demons.

There were fine performances too, particularly from Rasmussen and Wheatley, while Byrne and Selva did much to discredit the fine mid-field combination of St George. Greedy, Marton and Andy Koczka did well enough for the losers, but it was the Saints' midfielders who faltered badly.

Lujic for Socceros says Cirkovic

Brisb Lions 0
Footscray 1

Scorer: Paton 33rd.
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Cautions: Hunter (BL) 33rd, McDowell (F) 36th, Vasquez (BL) 58th, Carroll (F) 67th, Cairney (BL) 79th, Niven (BL) 80th, Lujic (F) 85th.
Referee: Gordon Nicholson 6.

Recalled Footscray JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic called on national coach Frank Arok to look at JUST winger Zvracko Lujic after a 1-0 win over Lions at Richlands Stadium.

It was JUST's first win in Brisbane for more than five years and delighted Cirkovic, who took over a week ago from Bobby McLachlan after being away from the club for nearly two years.

Although Jamie Paton scored JUST's winner, Lujic made several piercing runs into the Lions defence and Cirkovic labelled his winger as one of the most dangerous players in Australia.

"With the ball at his feet there is nothing he can't do," Cirkovic said.

While Lujic won his coach's accolades it was Vlatko Belic who grafted the win for JUST. Against a midfield which included former young Socceros Russell Stewart and his fellow Queensland squad players John Stewart and John Ogden, Belic took control and repeatedly won the ball and distributed it well.

He dominated the midfield



Ricky Rosso

highball and continually initiated attacking moves.

Although Belic dominated, JUST's performance was not one of their more brilliant. They battled for their first half-goal, then hung on in the second half.

Lions, on the other hand, played poorly.

Queensland coach, Bruce Stowell, who this week finalises his team for the clash against New South Wales on Sunday must have been shattered, as he was shaping to include up to seven Lions players in his starting line-up.

Liekegan the better of the two sides and Joe Cairney went close twice in the first 15 minutes.

But JUST were desperately

unlucky not to get a penalty in the 18th minute when Lujic weaved his way into the penalty box only to be brought down by Lions defender Alan Hunter.

But referee Gordon Nicholson waved play-on and the ball ran out for a goalkick.

Nicholson's decision angered the JUST bench. But it was not to be the end of the frustration for officials of either team as seven yellow cards were later handed out.

Nicholson repeatedly booked players for alleged abusive language and wild tackling. He even appeared to book Hunter twice but cleared the confusion later when he claimed one of the bookings was for central defence player Roddy Vasquez.

Paton's goal came only minutes after Lou Tsigaris had saved a Hunter shot off a Russell Stewart corner.

The move began with Belic pushing the ball wide to Tansy who knocked a fine ball into Paton. The wee man shielded the pass, then cleverly turned to leave Hunter in no-man's land.

Man of the match:
VLATKO BELIC
(JUST)

Sweeper Vasquez was nowhere to be seen and Paton had a clear run to the goal. He drew Lions keeper Wayne Evans off his line, then chipped the ball into the net.

Lions almost struck back two minutes later when Vasquez found himself one metre out with the ball at his feet after a Stewart corner. But the big man could not turn quickly enough and instead tried to lay off a pass to the nearby Calvin Daunt.

But the Footscray defence scrambled the ball clear.

The action continued four minutes later at the other end of the park where Paton again found space. But before he could fire the ball goalwards Evans, who was much improved from recent weeks, raced off his line and sensationally smothered the shot.

Paton nearly got another in injury time of the first half when Evans had to scramble again to beat the Footscray striker to the ball after a bad Alan Niven backpass.

Lions brought on former Canberra striker Ray Juna at halftime for an out-of-touch Jim McDonagh and their attack looked much more effective.

Although McDowell and Tutill had been in control, Juna's speed caused them problems and the former Maareba United player nearly scored within seconds of the resumption. He weaved his way into the penalty box, then cleverly placed a nearpost shot. The ball hit the upright, and ran behind Tsigaris and along the goal-line before being cleared.

Lions attacked much more convincingly in the second half, but the Footscray defence remained sound and despite nearly three minutes of extra time and two last minute indirect freekicks inside the box, Lions could not equalise.

Three goals in nine minutes

Newc. Rosebud 1
Olympic 5

Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Scorers: Patikas 7th, 53rd, Lambropoulos 30th, Koussas 57th, Theodorakopoulos 62nd (Oly); Kerby 43rd (NR).
Cautions: Maier (NR).
Referee: Tim Davies 7.

Three Olympic goals in a devastating nine minute burst in the second half knocked the stuffing out of Newcastle Rosebud United at Adamstown Oval.

The home side had made the mistake of leaving Michael Boogard on the bench. There's no doubt that his ability as a central defender would have been vital here. And Newcastle Rosebud United coach Jim Foley opted to use a four man defensive screen in front of sweeper Dean Milosevic.

Coach's quote

JIM FOLEY (Rosebud): "Olympic gave us a football lesson and I have no doubt that the young members of this team would have absorbed many of them."

"I have been making some changes in the pattern of the team's play and the defeat was not unexpected although the margin was greater than I thought it would be."

"I only hope that the Newcastle fans bear with us and do not desert the team."

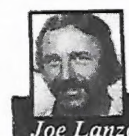
Olympic didn't take long to accept the invitation to come forward.

Jim Patikas intercepted a Warren Haslam pass intended for Ralph Maier, raced toward goal and although Robert Cox did well to save Patikas's first attempt, the Newcastle Rosebud United goalie was helpless to stop Patikas from scoring from the rebound.

That was in the seventh minute, just the kind of start the home side didn't want.

A Mark Koussas corner in the 30th minute led to Olympic's second goal. Cox tried to punch clear but only succeeded in punching the ball onto the back of a team mate's head and Alex Lambropoulos tucked away the rebound.

David Jones had a chance to reduce the deficit and put



Joe Lanzoni

more spirit into Newcastle Rosebud's display in the 28th minute but he ballooned his shot from the edge of the area.

left in this half, Bernard Kerby made it 2-1. Warren Davies took a free kick on the left. The ball deflected off an Olympic defender, allowing Simon Brandt to head back into the goalmouth and Kerby, with a superb first time shot from eight metres, gave Gary Meier no chance.

Man of the Match:
JIM PATIKAS
(Syd. Olympic)

Just before the half time whistle, a great Tony Caban shot was blocked. It was to be Newcastle Rosebud United's last real chance of making a match of it.

Olympic's second half goal feast ended the contest. Patikas made it 3-1 after being put through by Peter Raskopoulos; Koussas made it 4-1 four minutes later; and Nick Theodorakopoulos made it 5-1 in the 62nd minute.

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Warning from Margaritis

John Margaritis, ever the philosopher, warns Juventus fans that success walks hand in hand with failure.

Juventus may be on top of the ladder, he says, but that's no reason for the supporters to get carried away with expectations of a championship.

"Just because we beat Hellas, 2-1 and Hellas beat Adelaide City, 3-0, the fans expected us to beat Adelaide City by five goals

this week. That doesn't work," Margaritis said.

"Being on top of the ladder isn't easy at all. We must be calm and patient. Like Muhammad Ali, we must defend ourselves, and look for weaknesses in the opponent. We should be happy just to avoid defeat, or to win by one goal. We must not forget that this is our first year in the big league — that we have been playing in the bush."

Melta, Maxwell and Mullen power Adelaide forward

Adel. Juve 2
Brun. Juve 0

Scorers: Gatenby 28th, Mullen 53rd.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: about 2000.
Referee: Roussis 7.

Man of the Match:
JOE MULLEN
(Adel. Juve)

—By
FRANK PANGALLO

Brunswick Juventus lost more than a game when it was soundly beaten 2-0 by Adelaide City Juventus in the Italian derby at Olympic Sports Field. It also lost face.

The National Conference leader at no stage during the match resembled the strong side its reputation, and its league standing, had implied.

"The way we played today we couldn't beat anyone," dejected coach John Margaritis said after seeing his side torn apart by a hungry Adelaide City.

The home team began with a zest its supporters have been unaccustomed to seeing in recent weeks, and once it hit the lead in the 28th minute, never looked back.

City, through midfielders Sergio Melta, Steve Maxwell and brilliant striker Joe Mullen, continually showed disregard for Brunswick Juventus' reputation as "carved apart the visitor's defence".

Adelaide's Kiwi international Glenn Dods over-

shadowed "Golden Boy" winger Andrew Zinnis, constantly depriving the young Australian squad member of opportunity.

After barraging the Juventus goalmouth, City finally broke through after 30 minutes when a stinging drive from midfielder Serge Melta took a deflection off striker Mark Gatenby leaving goalkeeper Sean Keogh unbalanced and with no chance.

Adelaide City sealed victory in the 53rd minute after a shot from striker Stephen Maxwell rebounded off Juventus defender Frank Geremia into the path of the oncoming Mullen who fired the ball past Keogh.

Adelaide City coach Eddie Krefl was pleased with the win but thought his side missed too many opportunities.

"Goals are what count, but there were two other chances that were much easier from which we should have scored," he said.

Krefl said the emphasis was on attacking football, but as opposed to the defensive brand of soccer employed by Adelaide City against St George in its previous match.



• Jim O'Reilly, one of the stars of George Cross's 1-0 victory over SM-Hellas on Monday.

Best performance by Wollongong

Wollongong 1
Melita 1

Venue: Wollongong show-ground
Scorers: Kotamanides, Duarte.
Referee: Monteverde 8

Philip Micallef

Wollongong played one of its best games of the season against the high-flying Eagles.

But sheer guts and determination were not enough to beat a solid Melita side which played some marvellous soccer in the first half.

But after the interval Wollongong attacked with more purpose but lacked ideas up front although, with a bit of luck, they could have won.

Melita opened strongly and Duarte should have opened the scoring after 17 minutes but he dallied too much in front of goal after being put through by an exquisite pass from Griffiths.

But three minutes later Melita drew first blood.

A colossal misunderstanding between Vardareff and two of his defenders enabled Duarte to get hold of the ball and shoot home comfortably.

Wollongong replied with an equaliser six minutes from half time with an equally sloppy goal.

Bundalo found Fontana with a good ball and goalkeeper McPherson fumbled the striker's weak shot.

Winger Kotamanidis was at

Man of the Match:
RAY VLIETSTRA
(Wollongong)

hand to stab the ball into the net for his second goal of the season.

After the interval Melita's midfield composure, inexplicably collapsed as Wolves fullback Green and midfielders Gaffney and Condran pushed forward more frequently.

Beggs had a couple of chances for Wollongong but the best opportunity fell to Condran.

The non-stop midfielder shot well at goal, beating McPherson, but McAusland saved Melita by deflecting the ball to corner on the line.

How serious is Campbell's injury?

Melb. Croatia 1
W A Hellas 1

Scorers: Konstantopoulos 27th, Brogan 81st.
Referee: Jim Fearn 7
Cautions: Papazoglou (WA), Lewis (MC).
Venue: Olympic Park No. 1.

Peter Desira

Jim Campbell will be missing from the first Soccerco get-together later this week with a groin strain.

But what is more important to both Melbourne Croatia and the national team, will be a visit to a specialist to find out if the complaint is more serious than a strain.

Rather than try to rest the problem, Campbell wants to find out exactly the extent of the injury and if necessary get it operated on straight away.

"I suppose I could be pushing myself and playing on but with so many of these mysterious groin injuries going about, I think it's best to find out what the problem really is and get it sorted out," Campbell said. Hopefully, for Croatia's



sake, the injury will not turn out to be serious for the side badly is in need of a creative midfielder to take a game by the scruff of the neck and get some organisation in the line-up. So much is being expected of Croatia but the team continues to run hot and cold and will go on struggling against teams which come to Croatia with the idea of bottling things up at the back and playing safe at all costs.

West Adelaide Hellas is one of those sides, having little other option but to slow things down and play safety first tactics because of its inexperienced squad and because the money is simply not there to splash out on big signings to make the side a force.

Despite the youth and inexperience, West already has taken four points from four trips to Melbourne and will continue to get results with a sensible approach even if it does very little for the paying customer who comes to be entertained.

West hardly ventured out of its half in the opening 20 minutes yet it scored with the first real threat on goal through young George Konstantopoulos in the 27th minute.

Fullback John Papazoglou provided the low centre from the right. Konstantopoulos was able to control with little pressure then took a man on and shot home on the first sight of the goal.

Croatia coach Terry Hennessey has been complaining about giving silly goals away and pointed to this one as yet another shining example.

There was even worse in the 67th minute when a back pass by Peter Lewis was intercepted by Nick Malavazos but the striker, with only the keeper to beat, shot weakly and straight at Peter Blasby. Sean Farlon caused more

Man of the Match:
IAN MCGREGOR
(W.A. Hellas)

problems from the resultant throw-out by Blasby, but trying to take on Malavazos instead of using his keeper again when no other options presented themselves.

Malavazos robbed him but again finished poorly and the keeper saved the situation again.

Croatia finally got its equaliser in the 81st minute when David Brogan headed home Joe Biskic's free kick from the right after the midfielder had been brought down just outside the right side of the box by man of the match Ian McGregor.

McGregor, in his eighth season at West and playing his 176th NSL game, used all his experience to subdue Steve Gojevic in his quietest game for some time. On the other flank, Papazoglou had a sim-

ilar day-long battle with Tommy Cumming although the tiny winger still managed to create trouble on a number of occasions especially towards the end of the game.

The only unfortunate incident of the match came from a clash between substitute Lewis with Konstantopoulos which left the striker on the ground and earned the fullback a yellow card.

Konstantopoulos was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital but nobody from West could give any idea of his condition although McGregor said it was a suspected break.

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Williams as sweeper

Man of the Match:
DAVID HOGGEN
(Green Gully)

Green Gully 1
Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Green Gully: Smart 23rd, Heidelberg: Wade O.G. 60th.
Venue: Green Gully Reserve
Cautions: McKie (H) 61st
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 8

Despite the strong wind, this turned out to be quite an entertaining encounter, and while both teams had their chances, the draw was probably a fair result.

Heidelberg started well enough, Mike Valentine testing Lou Denys in the first minute with a powerful shot which was tipped over the bar, a few minutes later Winn's shot was blocked by a wall of defenders, and Patterson shot wide from ten metres, completely unchallenged.

However Heidelberg's pressure did not last long. The midfield of Green Gully took control, assisted by good attacking runs by David Hoggen, Stuart Cannell and Jimmy Williams who seemed to enjoy his



Ken Kontra

new position and attacked space with the ball at every opportunity. Hoggen covered the full length of the ground. His speed and aggressive running were a feature of the match, and he continually forced Scott Patterson on the defensive with his overlapping tactics.

Both teams were forced to rearrange their back four due to the suspension of Ron Kremers and Don MacLeod, Williams dropping back for the Gully and Joe Angele coming into the team for Heidelberg.

A great run by Cannell in the 23rd minute broke the deadlock. Cannell ran at least 30 metres with the ball, unchallenged and his cross into Heidelberg's penalty area was put away by Kenny Smart to give Ajax a deserved lead at half time.

In the second half Heidelberg closed down their opponents a lot quicker, and with the assistance of the wind, mounted several promising at-



Paul Tzintzis of Heidelberg is shadowed by Paul Wade (Green Gully).

tacks, with Steve Winn and Scott Patterson prominent. Theo Selemidis was the best midfielder on the park, contesting every ball and initiating attacks with good distribution.

However Cannell, Williams, Hoggen and Denys withstood the pressure and it took a combination of errors and luck for Heidelberg to finally draw level.

Williams overdid the "Bekkenbauer" stuff, and lost the ball to young Theo Vagias in the 60th minute. Vagias side-footed the ball to Steve Winn, whose shot was blocked by the advancing Lou Denys. Scott Patterson poked the loose ball towards the unguarded goal and the unfortunate Paul Wade helped it on its way for Heidelberg's equaliser.

Heidelberg had their chances to gain both points, but two great saves by Denys from Winn's attempts, and poor finishing by substitute Paul Tzintzis, when he put Steve Winn's pass wide from six metres, ensured that the score remains even.

Referees are often criticised, but they should also get a mention when they had a good game. Dennis Voutsinas allowed the game to flow, made no mistakes and con-



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Alston blasts 'Buds

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Wollongong 1
Rosebud 0

Scorer: Beggs 32nd.
Venue: Wollongong Show-grounds.
Referee: Richard Lorenz 9.

A first half goal by striker Peter Beggs gave Wollongong City a deserved 1-0 victory over Newcastle Rosebud.

The Wolves played their best home match of the season to string together four unbe-

But Wollongong coach Adrian Alston was not too impressed with his players' performance against what he termed as a "negative Newcastle side".

"This was our worst match of the year but we did well to beat a side which came to Wollongong to spoil and not to play," Alston said.

Wollongong outplayed Newcastle for most of the match but the visitors could have snatched a late equalizer when winner Derek Todd hit the

Man of the Match:
ALEX BUNDALO
(Wollongong)

The Wolves took the lead 13 minutes before half-time when Beggs headed in a perfect cross from Alex Bundalo.

Simon Brandt replied with a flying header which just missed the upright.

In the second half Newcastle put more men in attack but Wollongong came nearer to

Let's hope for the best

By ANDREW DETTRE

It can be said, with only a little exaggeration, that our immediate soccer future hinges on the outcome of the gigantic 21-match international program in May/June.

If the ASF and West Nally make money, there will be enough left for the starving clubs; the NSL may struggle on, even if changes are certain to be made to the clumsy system.

The 1985-86 World Cup campaign would also run smoothly if our A and B teams, under Frank Ark and his helpers, recorded some good results.

If, on the other hand, things go badly — gate takings, overall interest, results — we'd better prepare for a very gloomy few months ahead with scapegoat hunting likely to be the main preoccupation.

Let's hope, for the sake of our soccer life, that this ambitious program will succeed.

The packaging is very similar to last summer's cricket fests when the West Indies and Pakistan visited Australia playing a series of one-day tests in various cities.

This time we will have five overseas visitors involved, all with different schedules.

The three British teams will arrive first, then Juventus of Italy and finally Iraklis of Greece.

Quite some planning must have gone into the schedule. Juventus of Italy, for instance, meets Australia three times and Manchester United once, during a brief visit.

Manchester United's program is equally simple: three games, all in Sydney (2) and Melbourne.

Glasgow Rangers won't meet any European teams — and Nottingham Forest will meet only one, Manchester United.

The organisers decided to reduce to a minimum the all-European clashes — something which should have had the crowd appeal of the Arsenal-Celtic-Red Star-Australia tournament of 1977 — in order to provide a heavy involvement for the Australian teams.

Our national "A" side will play eight matches in 28 days — one every three days and a bit — and the "B" side will make six appearances.

The national team will play half its matches in Sydney (4), two in Adelaide and one apiece in Brisbane and Melbourne.

The "B" side will play twice in Melbourne and Brisbane and once in Adelaide and Sydney. It certainly looks that the ASF has picked its guests well. Manchester United, Nottingham, Glasgow Rangers and Juventus are top teams of their countries, Iraklis may mean nothing to the average soccer fan but should appeal to the Greeks, especially in Melbourne.

The big question is — how will the Australian



Arnold Muehren (Man. U.)



Sergio Brio (Juventus)



Norman Whiteside (Man. U.)

public react to this massive soccer saturation in May and June?

Will a soccer fever develop, promoted by the media — or will the novelty wear off quickly and the program end up in tedium?

Nobody can tell. But it's to the credit of the ASF and West Nally that they are willing to take the risk and put on the most elaborate winter program ever seen in Australian soccer. A few risks are almost

unavoidable. One involves the camp followers of Manchester United who could easily seize on one of their team's three matches and show us a glimpse of English mob violence.

If this happens, the likely occasion is their match against Juventus on June 6 in Sydney — police please note.

Another risk is the quality of Iraklis of Greece. The Greek

fans will flock to see them — but will anybody else?

Juventus will arrive without Michel Platini, needed to lead France in the European Championship finals.

Platini, Europe's Player of the Year in 1983, will be sadly missed — but Juventus have so many other aces that it shouldn't affect their displays.

If Rossi, Boniek, Tardelli, Sciera and the others clock, Juventus will be a delight to watch.

• The full schedule of matches is:

Saturday, 26 May: Australia A v. Manchester United at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.
Sunday, 27 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Olympic Park, 3 pm; Western Australia v. Nottingham Forest in Perth, 3 pm.
Wednesday, 30 May: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.
Thursday, 31 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Long Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.
Saturday, 2 June: Australia A v. Glasgow Rangers at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.
Sunday, 3 June: Manchester United v. Nottingham Forest at Olympic Park, 3 pm.
Tuesday, 5 June: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.
Wednesday, 6 June: Juventus v. Manchester United, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.
Thursday, 7 June: Juventus v. Manchester United, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.
Thursday, 7 June: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest, Long Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.
Friday, 8 June: Select XI v. Glasgow Rangers, Newcastle, 3 pm.
Sunday, 10 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Olympic Park, 3 pm.
Monday, 11 June: Select XI v. Iraklis, Canberra, 3 pm; Australia B v. Nottingham Forest, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.
Tuesday, 12 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.
Wednesday, 13 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Long Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.
Saturday, 16 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.
Sunday, 17 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Olympic Park, 3 pm.
Wednesday, 20 June: Australia A v. Iraklis, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.



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Tasmanian soccer comes of age

By WALTER PLESS

The success of some of Tasmania's young soccer players on the mainland in recent years is an indication of the high standard of the local game.

The State has always depended on imports — mostly either continental European or British — but the fact that we are now exporting Tasmanian-born players shows that the game has come of age.

The first signs of this were evident as early as two seasons ago with the tremendous success of the Tasmanian "State of Origin" side, a team that beat the Victorian Youth Team in Melbourne.

Angelo Ambrosino and Luciano Fabrizio, both formerly with Juventus-Pioneer, are two youngsters that have reached the top in the National Soccer League (NSL) over the past two seasons.

Ambrosino left Juventus-Pioneer to join the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and after completing his time there he was snapped up by Canberra Rangers where he held down a regular first-team place until the beginning of this season, when he went to Inter Monaco.

Fabrizio also went from Juventus-Pioneer to the AIS and he soon was selected for the Young Socceroos, Australia's junior national team. He represented Australia at several overseas tournaments in Mexico, Costa Rica and New Guinea.

Brisbane City signed Fabrizio last season and he is now established in the club's senior NSL side. He is playing well and drawing rave notices from mainland commentators.

Another Juventus-Pioneer youngster, Carlo Ambrosino, Angelo's cousin, has begun his rise to the top. He has just been accepted at the AIS and leaves soon on a European tour with the institute team.

The White Eagles youngster, Andrew Leszczynski, who has gone on loan to University for this season, is another local-born product who could have found success on the mainland.

He was accepted by NSL club Brisbane Lions after trialling with them over the summer but he returned to Tasmania after being unable to gain admission to university in Brisbane.

Andrew was disappointed, as were the Lions' officials, but he felt that his education came before soccer so he returned home and enrolled at the University of Tasmania.

He has an open invitation from the club to return to Queensland whenever he likes.

Interest in Leszczynski was sparked off by his selection in the Australian Under 18 Schoolboys' Team following last year's national championships in Brisbane.

Croatia-Glenorchy's Ibro Cahut was another player chosen in that representative side. He has recently been trialling in Canberra, so far unsuccessfully.

Several other Tasmanian-born players have trialled with NSL



• Brian Davidson ... former New Zealand international and top scorer for George Town in the past few seasons. Played in Melbourne for Croatia.

sides in recent years. They include Olympia-WPL's Craig Nichols, Perry Forster, Peter Sherman and Robert Harrison, and Rapid's Phil Kannegiesser and Dale Blake.

The high standard of Tasmanian soccer can also be gauged by the overseas imports who have played here for a few seasons before finding success on the mainland.

Eric Young, Peter Willis, Paul Wormley and John Charlton immediately come to mind.

Young, a former professional with Manchester United, played with Juventus-Pioneer and won the 1982 Rothmans Gold Medal before joining Victorian State League side Morwell Falcons. He is now back in England where his wife is expecting their first child.

Peter Willis was a professional with Leeds United before joining Rapid. He won a championship with Rapid and then joined the fledgling Wollongong in the NSL.

Paul Wormley, also a former professional player in England, joined Launceston Juventus for a season before going to the mainland where he finally found fame with NSL side West Adelaide Hellas. After leaving Launceston, he played for Townsville in the Queensland State League for a season before being "discovered" by Hellas' coach, Alan Vest and then returning to England.

John Charlton is the latest of the imports to leave the State and find success on the mainland.

The son of famous England international Jack Charlton, and nephew of the even more famous Bobby Charlton, John won three State League championships in succession — with Brighton-ICI, Rapid and Juventus-Pioneer — upon his arrival in Tasmania.

He is now with NSL side Brisbane Lions where he currently is recovering from injury.

The number of high-quality imports remaining in the local game is a significant factor in the improving standard of soccer in the State. The expertise and experience they have brought with

them is rubbing off on the local players.

Rapid's David Crosson (ex-Newcastle United) and Nick Cook, Caledonians Ian Parker, Juventus-Pioneer's Peter Brine (ex-Middlesbrough), Steve Craven, Bruce Ward and Ken Morton, Launceston Juventus

Peter Saville (ex-Leeds United), George Town's Liam Monagle (ex-Heidelberg and a former Irish Youth International, as well as the 1983 Rothmans Gold Medal winner), Brian Davidson (New Zealand International and a two-times winner of the Rothmans Gold Medal), and Peter Sawdon, Ulverston's Joe McGroarty and University's Steve Darby, Dave Forshaw and Dominic O'Brien, are players that would enhance many a league.

The combination of quality imports and good locally produced players augurs well for Tasmanian soccer.

The appointment of two full-time club coaches — Otto Klaus of Olympia-WPL and Ken Morton of Juventus-Pioneer — is another step towards improving the game.

The 1984 season has the potential to be one of the best on record.



Kevin Swinscoe in his Brighton-ICI days ... he has since been a success with Juventus in Melbourne.



Eric Young (left) and Ian Parker (back-ground) finished first and second in the 1982 Tasmanian Rothmans Medal.



Three of the top imports that have graced the Tasmanian scene: Ken Worden (left), Paul Wormley (second from right) and Peter Sawdon (extreme right) in their Launceston Juventus Days.

HERE'S OUR NATIONAL 'A' TEAM OR IS IT...

k Arok hates doing things on a small scale — so st be in his element right now, orchestrating the ations of TWO national teams for the monster s of May and June.

rst step, he selected 40 players and, for the purposes of preliminary established two squads, one based in Sydney and one in Melbourne.

ney squad has 21 players (now that Phil O'Connor is injured), all from Sydney 'Melbourne' 'plantilla' has 18 players only, with four of them from outside

t question fans want to know is: how will Arok form two national teams from ally separated squads?

two alternatives. He can try to keep costs down and build an A and B team graphical lines. However, the mere composition of the two squads suggests that ver been seriously considered.

training squads will merge and integrate, giving Arok the nucleus of a true s the 1985 World Cup matches.

3 be nice to say that at this stage even Arok doesn't know which of the 40 l end up in the A or B teams.

1 wouldn't be quite true: Arok — probably alone — has a very fair idea; not sistant coaches or close friends would be privy to all of Arok's private thoughts. re can do is speculate.

e goalkeepers for instance. Terry Greedy is certain to be in the A squad — s whom? My hunch is Tony Franken from Canberra while Laumets and would be in the B-squad.

sn't have very many options for the defensive positions, otherwise he wouldn't at Steve O'Connor and Joe Rizzotto, both with notoriously poor disciplinary it not just this year, either.

g Arok's likes and dislikes — which do change from time to time — I'd say his ders will be Davidson, Ratcliffe, Yankos and Jennings with Skeon, Rob- akos and perhaps Carter also in the A-squad.

no Blair fan and he couldn't know too much about Peter Lewis. He thinks akos and, unlike many other experts, also of Carter.

lign composition of the two training squads is interesting: five in Sydney, three ree... another strong indication that the geographical borders will be broken

as a very high opinion of Raskopoulos and Murphy; regards John O'Shea as a of reliability and Ian Gray as his own personal 'discovery'.

not ignore Oscar Crino, this superbly skilled Latin American tango dancer e he has some strange reservations?

Dynamic Jim Patikas? Then what about that great Marconi promise, Tommy hat?

that Arok will follow his hunches and reject all outside pressures: he will take Raskopoulos, Gray and either O'Shea or Patikas for the A-team.

1 choice would be Crino — but nobody has asked me...

re 12 strikers in the two squads and Arok will probably name five for the

hll O'Connor out of action for months, the number of 'certainties' will be reduc- mina and Watson.

2mies the style and effectiveness of Soper — but will not tolerate anything mall on and off-the-field behaviour from the exciting Olympic ace.

Brown is very hard to bypass — so why bother? Then there is that talented sine and Frank Arok's own Robbie Slater.

hat Brown, Farina and Soper will join Kosmina and Watson for the A-team

al, every observer of the local scene has expressed a view about some a 'd' from the squad.

e, there is Peter Katholos who in recent weeks has struck form.

is not an Arok favorite; it's his ball-hogging style that puts him offside with the and also with his own club coach, Manfred Scheerer.

reoni pair of Rod Brown-David Lowe has paid the price of omission for their m's strange slump.

known to be a Love-fan — but in midfield. However, to select him for that role striking form would be unfair to others.

ig a bit about Arok's mind. I expect he would field this A-team, barring injuries m from lapses:

f — Davidson, Yankos, Ratcliffe, Jennings — Raskopoulos, Murphy, Watson, Kosmina, Soper.

ow far wrong we'll be from the actual team chosen...

40 Soccerers:

lbourne-based squad is: Peter Laumets, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair, rphy, Oscar Crino, Doug Brown (Hellas), Tony Franken, Frank Frin

aj, On Opatinis, Robbie Dunn, Claude Lucchesi, Gary Cole (Makedo- idis Yankos (Heidenberg), Jim Campbell, Peter Lewis (Melfa, Croatia),

len (Adel. C. Juventus), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Andrew Zinni

dney-based squad: Terry Greedy, David Skeon, Tony Pezzano, Steve

r, Alex Robertson, Jim Cant, Joe Watson, John Kosmina (Sydney City

Graham Jennings, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, Mar-

ter (Sydney Olympic), Howard Tredinnick (Melfa Eagles), Joe Rizzotto,

ter, Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Ian Gray (APIA).

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By
ANDREW
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A Manchester United team group to sadden the heart. Left to right: Sir Matt Busby, Eddie Colman, Ray Wood, Mark Jones, Bill Foulkes, David Pegg, Duncan Edwards, Jimmy Murphy. Front: Johnny Berry, Roger Byrne, Tommy Taylor, Dennis Viollet, Bill Whelan.

With them in the snow was their manager, Matt Busby, like Charlton, strapped in his seat. They, like me, were among the lucky ones



Flying is safer than driving a car; probably safer than crossing a busy road in rush hour.

The difficulty is convincing many air passengers of that fact. You see them hurrying up the ramp to try to get their favorite seats aboard the aircraft, then anxiously fastening and unfastening their seat belts to get the correct position. They notice their hands written as they grip the arm rests for take-off, because it is in the take-off and the landing that most accidents occur.

Thus, over the years, I have been asked hundreds of times: 'What on earth made you get back on the aircraft after those two attempts to take off had failed. Didn't anyone have the guts to refuse to re-board the aircraft?'

I can only speak for myself. The thought of any possible danger never crossed my mind. On those first two runs I was quite convinced the pilots were playing safe, and that they had pulled up because they were concerned about the ice conditions. The pilot's life is just as much at risk as his passengers', so I was quite convinced that both Thain and Rayment had been reassured that the aeroplane was unworthy — and that it was perfectly safe to take off.

We had reached that pregnant moment when passengers are waiting for the engines to roar into life, as the pilots wait for permission to take off. Our plane was coded ZULU UNIFORM-609 (G-ALZU).

It was about two years later, when I had time to read an official German report on the accident, that I had the opportunity to study a tape-recorded message. I have pondered over that message from the control tower at two minutes past three o'clock, which informed Thain and Rayment that they had exactly two minutes to make up their minds whether they were ready to take off for Manchester; otherwise, for a third time, they would have been forced to delay the return home. I wonder what went through their minds then? Did they feel under pressure? If they didn't get the aircraft airborne within the two minutes, they might face a much longer delay on the ground.

In the passengers' cabin, we didn't know the pilots had been warned they had two minutes to make up their minds whether or not to go. As we hadn't eaten since breakfast, I know that personally I was looking forward to the meal we had been promised would be served on the second half of the journey from Munich to Manchester.

Suddenly, there was a thunderous roar as the engines burst into life. I listened intently. Not a cough or a splutter, as the motors throbbed louder and louder, until they had reached their familiar high-pitched whine... then we started to move. Slowly at first, then faster and faster, racing down the runway like a high-powered car... 70 knots, 80... 90... 100 knots an hour.

Those were the figures which flashed before the expert eyes of Commander James Thain as he monitored the instruments. He saw the needle reach 117, then as he told the official German enquiry into the accident... the needle inexplicably dropped back to 105... What the hell had gone wrong again? For the first time on that fatal run, he allowed his eyes to look up from his instruments and realised the aircraft was running out of runway! In that nerve-shattering split second he heard his co-pilot, Captain Ken Rayment, cry out:

'Christ... we are not going to make it.'

By this time, even we passengers realised something had gone drastically wrong.

Peter Howard says he thought he heard the starboard engine make a noise like a car changing gear. Harry Greg had the same impression. Sitting as I was on the other side of the aeroplane from these two, I didn't notice any change in the note of the engine. But I was now becoming slightly alarmed at the huge wave of slush being thrown backwards by the port wheel, as we ploughed along the runway. We zipped past a red building away to my right, which I remember quite clearly because of its prominent colour, and the fact that on our two previous runs, we had slowed and stopped almost opposite this landmark.

I was sure we had already gone past the point of no return, although it was quite impossible, because of that wave of brownish slush, to make out whether or not the wheels had actually left the ground.

Dennis Viollet and Bobby Charlton were seated in front of me, so I tried to shout to make myself heard above the roar of the engines: 'Have the wheels gone up yet...?'

There was no reply. They couldn't have heard my question, so I leaned over as far as my safety belt would allow, to look through the porthole, with my head craning to try to see what lay in front of us.

My heart froze when I saw the perimeter fence rushing towards us. Like Ken Rayment, I knew in that chilling split second that we were not going to make it.

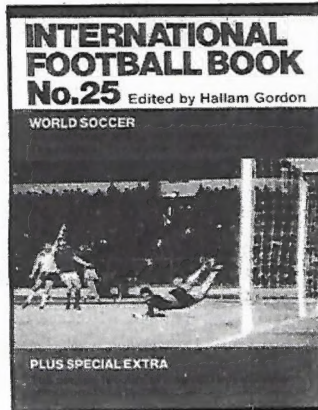
I felt the machine suddenly lurch off the concrete runway to the right, onto the grass, with the landing lights flashing by. I felt a sickening blow behind the left ear, the kind of friendly cuff big, strong Frank Swift was fond of administering to his friends. But this wasn't Swiftly having some fun, this was a real thwack. I could feel my senses slipping away. Then there was a horrendous bang, and in my dazed state I thought I saw the port wheel crashing through a crumpled fuselage. The bulkhead behind me was caving in, with cases and other items of luggage hurtling around in the cabin.

There was a kind of green haze sweeping up in front of my eyes, like a huge tidal wave engulfing me. Everything was becoming hazy, even though I kept shaking my head in a desperate attempt to stay conscious. I was like a drowning man fighting to keep his head above water. I had never been knocked out in my life, and I was fighting against that awful feeling of just fading into oblivion.

This couldn't be happening to me. This was crazy. I could hear, as though far away in the distance, a tremendous rending and grinding of metal, and it was only when the airliner started to buck like a wild thing that I realised it was our aeroplane which was being ripped apart, as it slid helplessly along the ground. There was a tremendous hammering on the fuselage near my head, as though a giant was getting to work with a sledgehammer... Then mercifully my eyes closed.

Further down the fuselage, Matt Busby also felt the machine make that sudden lurch to the right. Up went his hands to protect his face. Then he too lost consciousness. I believe we two were lucky that we did pass out. Otherwise the memories might have been much harsher to bear.

There was, perhaps, only one man who lived through every nightmarish moment of that tragedy until the day he died, and that was Captain James Thain. When he saw that needle drop back from 117 knots an hour, he banged furiously on the throttle to try to coax more power out of the two engines, to



give us enough power to get off the ground. The throttle levers were in the fully forward position. Nothing could save us now.

The glittering Elizabethan aeroplane, so elegant and comfortable to fly in, was now little more than an aluminium tomb — out of control, ploughing through every obstacle in its path, as both pilots fought desperately to avoid the imminent disaster.

Beyond the perimeter fence, outside the bounds of the airfield, there was a house, which in normal circumstances was not a hazard for an orthodox take-off. As Zulu Uniform plunged past the landing lights, it was clear to both pilots that emergency action was needed. Thain pulled the lever to retract the undercarriage, as Rayment slammed on the brakes.

Too late. Zulu Uniform raced across the 250 yards of the grass stopway beyond the concrete runway, smashed through the fence and hit the house; the port wing, only a few feet from me, was torn off, leaving our aeroplane like a huge wounded bird, clattering and bumping along the ground completely out of control. About 100 yards further on, the right side of the fuselage, just behind the one good wing, sliced into a wooden hut standing on a concrete base. The impact tore off the rear part of the plane just behind the starboard wing, which careered off on its own before coming to rest.

By now, what was left of the undercarriage had been torn away, and this left the front of the airliner, still with that starboard wing attached to the fuselage, skidding and screeching along on its belly, the wing carving great chunks out of the trees in its path like a giant scythe. This part of the wreckage, in which I was strapped, was spinning round helplessly in circles.

As it did so, a number of passengers, including some of the team, were thrown out into the snow. What was once a sleek aeroplane was now a smouldering ruin, leaving a trail of death and destruction in its wake. Less than a minute previously I had been sitting in the company of the Young Kings of British Soccer, laughing and joking in the full flush of their athletic prowess. Now they lay dead... or dying... or brutally injured and dumbly shocked by the tragedy which had hit them.

With them in the snow was their manager Matt Busby, still, like Bobby Charlton, strapped in his seat. They, like me, were among the lucky ones.

The final tape-recorded message from the stricken airliner to the control tower says all that needs to be said at this stage: '15 hrs 04 mins 00 seconds: Munich from B-Line Zulu Unit...'. Then the message stopped abruptly. It was 54 seconds from the time we started rolling joyously down the runway until disaster struck.

We survivors didn't realise it at the time, but as our aircraft was tearing down the runway, we were being followed by a fleet of ambulances and rescue cars. Within a few minutes of their arrival at the crash site, Press cables were crackling over the wires: 'MANCHESTER UNITED PLANE CRASHES! STILL SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS!'

AROUND THE WORLD

Job for Sekularac, Olsen to United

By PAUL MOON

Yugoslav coach Silvester Takac has signed a three-year contract with French First Division club Sochaux. Previously, he was assistant coach at Cologne of the Bundesliga.

Derby County's financial problems are over — at least for the time being. They sold their Baseball Ground headquarters for \$800,000 to saviour Robert Maxwell, who will lease it back to them. In addition, four new directors — each contributing \$100,000 — have joined the club's board and Derby's bank has written off \$900,000 off the overdraft.

Liverpool's Alan Kennedy made his international debut against Northern Ireland on April 4 — nine years after first being called up to the England squad.

SV Hamburg's woes continue. Key defender Holger Hieronymus has suffered a severe knee injury which will sideline him for the rest of the season.

Jean Djorkaeff has been dismissed as coach of ailing French giant St Etienne. The sacking came three days after the club's 7-0 hammering by league leader Bordeaux.

Abdul Manan, one of Fiji's better performers in recent seasons, has been suspended from all internationals for 12 months as a result of him assaulting the referee during last September's South Pacific Games final. In addition, the Fiji Football Association was fined \$1,500 by FIFA.

Jamaica has been excluded from the 1986 World Cup, for failing to pay its entry fee.

FIFA reports immense interest in the "World Cup final return game" between Italy and West Germany in Zurich on May 22. The match will be staged to celebrate the world body's 80th jubilee.

The Brazilian federation has taken possession of a replica of the Jules Rimet Trophy, the original World Cup, which was stolen and probably melted down earlier this year. The replacement is valued at \$83,000 and was donated by American photography firm Kodak.

Former Yugoslav great Dragoslav Sekularac has been appointed national team coach of Guatemala.

Yugoslavia and Poland are the latest qualifiers for the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

The Czech federation have permitted 57 times capped Ladislav Jurkemik to pursue his career in the West. He is to join Swiss club St Gallen from Inter Bratislava at the start of next season.

The playing personnel of nine North American Soccer League clubs have been given until April 19 to accept substantial salary cuts. Club owners have threatened to disband the league, due to commence on May 5, if the players do not agree to their demands.

Israel is to apply to join UEFA again. Its plea for membership will be heard at the European confederation's congress in June.

The transfer of Danish international Jasper Olsen from Ajax Amsterdam to Manchester United has been confirmed. He will officially join the "Red Devils" in June.

Gordon Smith, who scored for Brighton against Manchester United in last year's FA Cup final has joined United's neighbour City on a free transfer.

Graham Taylor, manager of Watford, has signed a six-year contract with the club.

They're on Arok's back already!



By KEN KONTRA

Ken Kontra is a former Victorian State coach.

One must have sympathy for national coach Frank Arok! In line with our successful Prime Minister's approach, he tried the method of "consensus" in order to get coaches' and officials' support for his enormous task to qualify for the next World Cup. The initial reaction indicates, that what may work for Bob Hawke, may not necessarily work for Frank Arok!

Some coaches and officials knocked the idea on the head immediately (sour grapes perhaps?), others made recommendations but when they found out their recommendations were not accepted, they turned from supporters of the scheme to critics!

How childish and how ridiculous! In the first place, if all recommendations were accepted, we would probably finish up with a squad of 120 players! Secondly, the job of scouts and observers is not decision-making. That is the sole responsibility and prerogative of the man in charge — in this case Frank Arok. Thirdly, national team selection is not a case of club or State loyalty, rather a question of what is best for Australia as a whole.

If all suitable players in the opinion of the national coach happen to be from Tasmania, then so be it. Let us wait for the results before we criticise. Arok was given the job, let us give him a fair go, rather than pre-empt any success he may have by knocking and sabotaging his efforts, particularly even before the first ball is kicked in the elimination series.

Since the days of "Uncle Joe" Vislits and his successor, Rale Rasic, we have gone through a

traumatic period with regards to our national team; questionable appointments and lack of co-operation having been our main handicaps.

Now that we have a coach with an excellent overseas, and more importantly, Australian background, it would be a pity if his work was not given the support of everyone who can contribute in any way at all, bearing in mind, that while the man responsible takes all the glory and conversely, all the blame, the whole of Australian soccer, including those who co-operate and those who do not, benefit from or suffer the consequences.

Paradoxically, our last World Cup elimination series' coach, Rudi Gutendorf, was accused of trying out far too many players and that he never had a settled squad. I do not know whether Gutendorf took advice from others, certainly you do not meet too many people who would admit to being part of Gutendorf's planning. On the other hand, there are plenty who with hindsight, can tell you exactly why he failed like that. I am sure Frank needs help like that. It is a hole in the head!

Apropos Gutendorf, no doubt he had to go, as for whatever reasons, he failed in his job. Australia did not qualify. The disturbing part about his departure was the rumour that it was preceded and finally triggered off by sabotage by people directly involved, with the team, (some motivated by outsiders), and we can only trust that this did not create a dangerous precedent.

It is sad enough that we have people in our midst who will not co-operate, but it is an absolute disgrace to find saboteurs, who actually work against the national interest. These people should get the hell out of it. Australian soccer would be much better off without them!

Training starts

The Melbourne-based players in the national squad will have their first training session at Olympic Park at 10.45 am tomorrow (Wednesday). They will train again at 4.30 in the afternoon.

MITRE BALL QUIZ

Here are this week's question, the answers to which can be found in our National Soccer Annual, now on sale at your newsagents, price \$1.50.

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The answers were: 1. Terry Greedy, David Skene, David Ratcliffe, 2. 21 votes, 3. Canterbury Marrieville, 4. Azurri, 5. Ricky Davies.

Here are this week's questions:

1. Who were the five Sydney City players in the Australia squad against England last year?

2. Who won the Weinstain Medal for VSF Junior Player of the Year in 1983?

3. How many coaching changes were there for the start of the 1984 NSL season?

4. Who won the 1980 Western Australia Rothman's Medal?

Hellas-Gully match for Lewis

Hellas meets Green Gully at Middle Park today (Wednesday) in a game arranged to help pay Paul Lewis' \$25,000 transfer fee. Hellas has guaranteed Green Gully at least \$7000 from the gate. It already has paid Green Gully \$18,000 for Lewis.

Take your team to Bali

Mr club secretary, have you arranged your end of season trip yet? If Garuda Cup in fabulous Bali?

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And, above all perhaps, it is about Italy, the country where football is not so much a game but more of a religion. Italy, who won the trophy in front of their own crowds in 1934 and retained it four years later in France, came close to that elusive third victory when finishing runners-up in Mexico in 1970 and fourth in Buenos Aires in 1978, and won it again in 1982, with Rossi the hero. Narration is by Sean Connery and the music by Rick Wakeman.

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Oggi pomeriggio, mercoledì, las Juventus sempre PRIMA in classifica incontrare il Brisbane Lions all'Olympic Park. Non mancate!

La due Juventus celebrano la Pasqua: vittoria ad Adelaide, primato a Melbourne

Il turno appena concluso è stato un vero e proprio terremoto per la Lega Nazionale: risultati imprevedibili, partite rinviate, partite posticipate ed anticipate hanno tenuto sulle spine i tifosi di diverse squadre per tutto il lungo week-end pasquale.

Sabato Santo la partitissima del girone "australiano" fra Apia e Sydney City è stata rinviata per impraticabilità di campo, permettendo così al Melita di passare temporaneamente in testa con un pareggio contro il Wollongong; il giorno dopo però il primato passava al Blacktown che batteva il Croatia di Sydney con il minimo scarto, la "matrice" Penrith che cominciava a nutrire qualche ambizione veniva sonoramente bastonata dal Marconi per 1-7 dopo aver segnato per prima, il forte St. George dell'allenatore nazionale Arok veniva battuto in

casa da un "resuscitato" Brisbane City (del girone "nazionale").

La morale di tutte queste favole è molto difficile da puntualizzare ad eccezione del fatto che il Marconi sta veramente esplodendo, come avevamo previsto nei tempi di magra, e dovrebbe far passare brutti guai a tutte le sue future avversarie; il Sydney Olympic, che sarà l'avversario del prossimo turno, è anche reduce da una sonante vittoria contro il Newcastle Rosebud, ma il nostro pronostico è per un'altra vittoria della squadra di Bossley Park... forse anche i tifosi italiani di Sydney cominceranno a prender nota delle imprese dei ragazzi di Scheinfug e torneranno sugli spalti dello stadio!

Nel girone "nazionale" le cose sono andate in modo ancora più imprevedibile: la capolista Juventus di Melbourne è stata battuta senza attenuanti dalla Juventus di Adelaide il giorno di Pasqua; poiché sia Heidelberg che Croatia avevano pareggiato, i bianconeri di Margaris rimanevano in cima alla classifica con due punti di vantaggio su queste due squadre, ma il lunedì di Pasqua il South Melbourne Hellas avrebbe dovuto far polpette del fanalino di coda George Cross e portarsi così ad una sola lunghezza da Juventus!

Invece (inatteso miracolo!) il George Cross batteva l'Hellas per 1-0 sul campo della squadra greca a Middle Park. E pensare che la settimana prima "George" ne aveva beccato sei dal Marconi e, preso dalla disperazione, aveva rimpiazzato il portiere Contini con il giovane Costello prelevato dall'Albion Rovers. Il Ragazzone è diventato l'eroe della partita, malgrado il Melbourne avendo parato a rigore a pochi minuti dalla fine per conservare il vantaggio che Ossie Latif era riuscito a conquistare sorprendentemente. Così la Juventus ha potuto fare un regalo pasquale (non intenzionale) alla consorella Juventus di Adelaide ed ugualmente rimanere in prima posizione in classifica con punti da vendetta.

Oggi, mercoledì, la Juventus di Melbourne sarà in azione all'Olympic Park contro il Brisbane Lions. C'è da star sicuri che la incoferenza di Adelaide sarà stata archiviata da Margaris e dai suoi ragazzi che, rinforzati da Sweeney in migliore condizione di domenica scorsa, vorranno far vedere contro la squadra di Brisbane che il primato in classifica non è solo d'ascrivere a fortuna. La sconfitta di Adelaide permetterà anche a Margaris di rivendere la sua formazione poiché il tecnico bianconero è un caparbio assertore della regola che "la squadra vincente non si cambia", dopo una sconfitta può perciò apportare i cambiamenti che crederà più opportuni adesso che la "rosa" è salita alquanto con il ritorno di

UN VERO ALABARDATO



Alex Fantoma, qui ritratto in una delle sue plastiche parate, è uno dei motivi dell'ottimo comportamento della Triestina in questo inizio di campionato. Il giovane esterno difensore è triestino di nascita e nel 1980, quando era in forza con la Juventus, passò un mese a Trieste ad allenarsi con la gloriosa squadra di San Giusto; più "alabardato" di così non potrebbe essere.

Sweeney e l'acquisto di Campbell. Purtroppo per il trio lanciatissimo, Vince Bannon, Drinocky ci vorranno ancora diverse settimane nella lista "fortunati".

A proposito della partita Juventus - Brisbane Lions di oggi, ricordiamo che la zona della St Kilda Road potrebbe essere bloccata o congestionata a causa della marcia dell'ANZAC Day, perciò i tifosi juventini farebbero bene ad arrivare all'Olympic Park dalla parte di Richmond.

ANCHE IL THOMASTOWN PRIMO IN CLASSIFICA

Nella Lega Statale del Victoria il Fawknor continua a guidare la classifica con un punto di vantaggio sul Polonia, dopo aver battuto brillantemente il pericoloso Western Suburbs nella tana della squadra greca. La vittoria degli Azzurri è quanto più meritevole poiché il tecnico bianconero è un caparbio assertore della regola che "la squadra vincente non si cambia", dopo una sconfitta può perciò apportare i cambiamenti che crederà più opportuni adesso che la "rosa" è salita alquanto con il ritorno di

Oltre a continuare a vince-

re, la squadra di Jukes Road, sta pian piano acquistando una fisionomia sempre più definita con l'innesto di giocatori nei ruoli che destavano qualche perplessità. Questa settimana è stata la volta del terzino McKinley ad entrare nel clan azzurro ed il suo esordio è stato abbastanza positivo. Con Cavallari che continua a fornire buone prestazioni nella posizione di libero, McLeod e Hobson che sembrano crescere di settimana in settimana, il portiere Terzini comincia ad avere il tipo di copertura che lo dovrebbe rendere più tranquillo.

Il centrocampista guidato dall'artista Boyle non desta più alcuna preoccupazione e le punte Tuffield e Cozzella cominciano ad andare a rete con regolarità. Avendo già incontrato e impattato con il Polonia, il Fawknor dovrebbe finire il girone d'andata con una certa tranquillità e nel girone di ritorno la squadra sarà sicuramente meglio amalgamata e quindi più forte da poter far fronte a qualsiasi avversario che vorrà impedire la vittoria in campionato e la promozione alla Lega Nazionale.

Non altrettanto roseo il futuro degli altri Azzurri di Morwell che, nonostante la spettacolare vittoria per 5-0 sul Knox City, si trova già a quattro punti dalla capolista e a tre punti dal Polonia, probabilmente questi punti saranno troppi da recuperare anche se il campionato è ancora molto lungo.

Nelle divisioni minori anche il Thomastown è riuscito a balzare al comando della classifica dopo aver battuto il Bell Park per 4-1, la neocapitolista della prima divisione sembra intenzionata a rimanere nella prima poltrona e sabato prossimo, in casa contro il modesto Altona City, dovrebbe nuovamente esercitare il tiro a bersaglio.

Nella terza divisione la Triestina, battendo il Morrabbin City con il minimo scarto, ha conservato il primato in classifica; poi i "cugini" del Bulleen hanno dato loro un bel regalo pasquale andando a pareggiare con la seconda classificata Hamlyn Rangers che così si trova a due lunghezze di distacco dagli alabardati. La prossima settimana la Triestina giocherà in casa contro il non ex auctore Mooroolbark, mentre i veneti del Bulleen se la vedranno con il quoto Prahan City sul campo.

del Veneto Club. Tutte due le italiane della terza divisione dovrebbero continuare la serie positiva.

Per la Triestina ci sono buone notizie anche fuori del campo: le trattative con il San Giusto Alabarda Social Club sembrano procedano bene e potrebbero presto portare ad una collaborazione di fatto fra i due sodalizi. L'eventuale unione con il solido club sociale triestino darebbe alla squadra alabardata una solida base sulla quale costruire un futuro migliore e più sicuro.

Nella quarta divisione l'East Brunswick è tornato alla vittoria contro l'Hawthorn e sabato prossimo dovrebbe continuare l'ascesa verso il vertice della classifica con un'altra vittoria sul Keysborough. Anche qui troviamo una squadra dalla struttura abbastanza solida grazie al sostegno dell'Abruzzo Social Club. Nella Lega Statale del N.S.W. l'Inter Monaro s'è potuto permettere il lusso di pareggiare con il Polonia e rimanere ugualmente solitario in cima alla classifica poiché il Rockdale ha perso con l'Auburn ed il Canterbury ha subito stessa sorte per mano dello Yugal.

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● Thomastown (TEL): sabato 5 maggio, pranzo danzante per la festa delle mamme, nella Italia Hall di Northcote, dalle 12.30; biglietti \$15 per i soci, \$16 per i non soci, \$13 per i ragazzi (tutto incluso nel prezzo). Prenotazioni presso tutti i membri del comitato.

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Φυσικά οι νέες των μικρών που δό τις ε-

ναναν με όποιονδήποτε τεχνικό... μένουν άρκετος αλλά προς θεού μη παίζουν με τέ-λόγια γιατί ο κόσμος βλέπει.

Βλέπουν οι φίλαθλοι ότι οι Κανεσούλης, Ποστέκογλου, Καλαμπόνης και άλλα παιδιά- όπως οι Καρυνίτης, Κασίδας και λοιποί εί-ναι ταλέντα και δεν τα έβγαλε ο παλιός προπονητής.

Και πάλι πολύ άκόμη και ένα μαρτύριό θά μπορούσε να ρωτήσει: "Μά αφού ήρθε ένας τόσο ΜΕΓΑΛΟΣ ΔΕΣΦΑΛΟΣ στην Μελοβό-ρνη, ένας ΜΑΓΟΣ, ένας ΚΑΤΑΛΗΚΤΙΚΟΣ όπως ξέρουμε μερικών και λένε... τότε γιατί έφαχαν όλοι μαζί να βρουν προπονητή για τους μικρούς;

Γιατί δεν έπαυσαν τον άνθρωπο που τόσο ΑΡΙΣΤΟ πριν αρχίσει ακόμη η προετοιμα-σία;

Γιατί αφού τους έλεισαν όλοι οι άλλοι την πρώτη κατέλαβαν ο'αυτόν; Και μή μές πουν ότι δεν ήταν στην Μελο-βόρνη γιατί τόν είχαμε δει σε μία μικρή ελληνική μας ομάδα.

Αλλά τα λίγα για να μαθαίνουν όσους δεν γνωρίζουν καλά τα πράγματα. Θά θέλαμε δέ να εύχουμε στους μικρούς άσους πά-ντα νέες γιατί παίκτες σαν τους Καρυνί-δη, Κασίδη, Καλογύρου, Καλαμπόνη, Μήττον, Αμπράζος (Πέπε), Ποστέκογλου, Κιάκο (παίλει-καί στους μικρούς) και άλλους δύσκολα βρί-σκαι κανείς σε συλλόγους.

Τά παιδιά είναι όλα ταλέντα - μάλλον ή-ταν ταλέντα - που τα έχουν κάνει άλλοι προπονητές και όχι ο σημερινός.

ΧΟΡΙΣ ΦΟΒΟ ΚΑΙ ΧΟΡΙΣ ΠΑΘΟΣ

Γράφαμε την παρασκευή βδομάδα μερικά πράγματα... να κάτι για "εποχρηστές" της "Ελλάς" και άλλα.

Φυσικά η αλήθεια δεν άρσε σε μερικούς μόνον... "μερικούς" γιατί πάντα είναι πι-κρή. Μόνο που πολλοί, πάρα πολλοί φίλαθ-λοι τηλεφώνουν στον γράφοντα για να τόν συγχαρούν.

—Επεί τέλους να δούμε και την αλήθεια. —Καιρός είναι να σταματήσει το λιβάνι-σμα.

—Οι έφημερίδες είναι για να πληροφορούν-ται όλοι με καλόν πού.

Φυσικά δεν υπάρχει καμία πρόθεση εις βά-

ρος της "Ελλάς". Τό ίδιο μπορεί να γίνει και με τόν Μέγα ή με όποιονδήποτε σωματι-ο. "Απλοσάτα" ή στήλη είναι αντικειμενι-κή και πένω απ' όλα άδυσχεστη.

Προτίμει να χάσει δύο ή τρεις άγνωστ-ες που δεν τους άρεσει η αλήθεια και ή καλή κριτική και να κερδίσει τους πολ-λοβς και άγνωστς φιλάθλους.

Κάποτε το κήρυγμα του λιβανίσματος θά πρέπει να σταματήσει.

ΕΚΑΣΕ ΒΑΘΜΟ Ο ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ

Ο Πυθαγόρας του Γιάδων Κουρεβέλη αφού έκανε στο Ι' με αυτόν, έσφαιρισε στο ΙΙ με τόν "Αποστολίδου" και στην συνέχεια έκανε 2-1 από τό γηπεδόχο Ντάμουντ Βά-λεν.

Ετό 89' όμως ο Κόνας έκανε τό 2-2 και κρ-ήτισε την ομάδα του στην Ιη θέση.

"Μπαζαν" ο Λέρης, Γ.Τσακάλδης, Γ.Καναβού-λης, Καζέκης, Καρυνίτης, Κατλίνος (60' Κά-νας), "Αποστολίδου", Τσακάλδης (Αμπέ-τος) Κόνας, Σ.Καναβούλης, Βέλιτς.

Πήραν τούς βαθμούς: Γ.Τσακάλδης, 2 Κό-νας, Ι.Σ.Καναβούλης.

"Η Β' ομάδα έκανε 2-0.

ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΟ ΤΟ ΟΛΑΝ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ 3-1

Τό "Ολάν" περίφημο προηγήθηκε έκτός έδρας 3-0 τό Ρλνγουντ τό όποιο νίκησε τελικά με 3-1 και έτέρματα τόν Λεονάρδου 20' Γκιούσιον 40' και Κ.Γκαμπρινένα 75'.

Πήραν τούς βαθμούς ο Γκιούσιον 3, Κοντομά-στας 2, Στερνίου Ι.

"Η Σόντσε": Αλέξανδρος Πούλος, Τ.Γκαβαρντί-νας, Στοιγιάννου, Βασόπουλος, Μπακινίδης, Κο-ντομάστας, Γκιούσιον, Λεονάρδου (65' Παλζίνα) Στερνίου, Στέφανος (65' Μ.Γκαβαρντίνας) Καρα-μάτσος.

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-2 (Παπαδόπουλος, Λά-ζος, Κρετίσιλδης).

ΜΑΛΕΡΝ: ΧΑΜΕΝΟΣ ΕΥΚΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΚΑΙ... 0-0

Τό Μάλερν Σίτυ έκτός έδρας ήρθε λευκή ίσοπαλία από την Μπρουνά, ενώ με λίγη τή-χη και προσήγη "τον κινώμενον του θά μπορού-σε να είχε νικήσει".

Καλύτεροι οι Πριανταφυλλίδης, Μακέν, Δημη-τρίου.

"Έπαιξαν οι: Μακέν, Αζιτομακρόν, Παπαδό-πουλος, (Στενός) Δημητρίου, Πετρόπουλος,

Ροβόρος, Πριανταφυλλίδης, Σματάς, Ταχμά-ζης, Ιωαννίδης, Γεωργιάδης.

—Παίκτες ζητάει τό Μάλερν για την ομάδα- —Πάτω τών Ι8 και ο ένδοφερόμενος να δώ-σουν τό παρόν στις προπονήσεις.

ΔΙΣΤΗ ΤΣΟΠΑΛΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΛΥΠΤΑΣ Ι-Ι

"Ανότερη η Κάλυπτα στο τοπικό τέταρτο με τό Κλάβιν, περιορίστηκε στο Ι-Ι με ένα τ. ρμα που δέχθηκε στο 89' ενώ είχε προηγήσει στο 44' με φάουλ τόν Βαλίνη Γκατζίνο.

"Έπαιξαν οι: Ιωαννίδης, Κοντομάς, Σίλβης, Μι-λέβεργις, Βαλίνης, Α.Καλβ. Γκατζίνης, Βόλεϋ, Κοζιάρης, Έρτζιν, Κόνας (Α.Χαραλδήμπος).

"Η Β' ομάδα έκανε 2-0.

ΜΕΤΑΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΕΚΤΟΣ ΕΔΡΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ

Περίφημο τό Κάλυτον Χιλ δυνατά, τεχνικά και άποτελεσματικά νίκησε 3-2 έκτός έδρας τό Ισχυρό Αιολικό και συνεχίζει την άνοδόν ή πορεία του φράζοντας πολλά στέματα τών "έδρων φίλων του".

"Η κινωμένη ομάδα δεν είχε την εχθρική δι-αίτησα, ίσως να είχε κερδίσει με 3-0. Τό 3-2 τό έφτασε δ διαίτησης με δύο άνο-παρκτα φαντάσματα - πέναλτυ που πήραν ό-ρο Πασχαλίνος ο γηπεδόχος.

"Βελος χωρίς λόγο κρέταξε 5 (πέντε) δόκ-ληρα λεπτά τόν άγώνα πέρα πάνω.

Τελικά ή ελληνική μας ομάδα έφυγε μέσα δ-πό τό άβολο και βαρό γήπεδο τού Αιολικού με τούς δύο βαθμούς της νίκης.

Τό σκόρ άνοιξε δ Πετρόπουλος με φάουλ κε-ραυνό στο ΙΙ' και τό Αιολικό έκανε τό Ι-Ι με πέναλτυ στο Ι7' για να προηγήσει και πάλι τό Κάλυτον με βαυμάσιο σουτ τόν Λο-ρέτζι στο 28'.

Στην επανάληψη και στο 70' αφού προηγου-μένως είχαν χάσει δύο καλές ενακαιρίες, δ "Ανδριώτης κέρρισε πέναλτυ που τό έκανε γκολ δ Κοντρέρα.

Τό Αιολικό μείωσε στο 87' με άνθρωπο πέ-λολτυ.

"Από τά παιδιά τού Κάλυτον δεν όσπέρησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι: Κόρογος (περίφημος) Ντεφίλδου, Βλαχάκης, "Οτοόλ, Καρδάλιας (δ-ι έφρεσε στην νέα του θέση) Πελεργίνου, Λορέν-τζι, Πετρόπουλος, Κοντρέρα, Στραπάκης (80' θά-κορ), Άνδρ. Ριβίτης. Πήραν τούς βαθμούς ο: Καρδάλιας 3, Κόρογος 2, Πελεργίνου Ι.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

USPESNA ODISEJA

JUST se vratilo iz Brisbane sa dva boda, što je malo lo-kočekivano, jer je igrao protiv tradicionalno neopuđenog Lion-ssa. Iako umorni od napornog puta i lutanja "plavi" su se borili kao lavovi svih 97 mi-νuta. Onih sedam minuta idu na dusu sudije, koji je bez razloga produžio igru, ali nije mogao da spase domaći tim od zas-луzenog poraza.

Abog velike magle avion sa JUSTovim igračima spustio se negde daleko od Brisbane. Put je nastavljen autobusom i na cilj se stiglo oko 2 posle ponoći. Mnoge bi savladalo umor, ali ne JUSTovce, koji nikad nisu bili ovako orni i svesni odgovornosti.

Cirkovic se odlucio za obavak sastava: Tsigrasas, Haz-avak, Tansey, Tutill, McDow-ell, Carroll, Curovic, O'Don-nell, Belle, Paton, Lujic. U drugom poluvremenu Kyria-koulas je zamenio rovitog Brian O'Donnella, a pred kraj utakmice Bekiaris je nastupio umesto Tanseya, koji je pov-redjen.

Igralo se prividno bez desnog krila, ali tu se ulogu po-otrebi preuzimali Joe Carroll, Curovic i Belle.

Sudija je dosta dobro sudio do odmore, ali je u nastavku bio otvoreno 12 igrača domaceg tima. Najmanje dva puta morao je da pokaze na belu tacnu, ali ova puta se oglosio.

Gary McDowell je i sa plaviom okom igrao jos bolje i odlucio. Bez narocitog raz-loga zate kartone su dobili Lujic, Carroll i Tutill, ali i certiri igrača domaceg tima.

Pored McDowell vidno su odskakali Suli Curovic, Zdravko Lujic i Joe Carroll, iako ovog puta nije bilo slabih igrača. Svi su igrali dobro da- celina i izvanredno se dopun-javali.

Ova pobeda znaci mnogo za "plavi" tabur, kome je s pro-ssa srecna okrenula ledja na mnogim utakmicama. Da je bilo malo vise srece i pravde JUST bi danas imao najmanje 12 bodova, odnosno duplo vise nego sto ih danas ima.

Trener Ceda Cirkovic ima sledecu nedelja da obavi sa svojim momcima najtezi zaka-т: da na svom igralistu, gde treba osvojiti prve bodove u ovoj sezoni i zaustavi sa-uklato Heidelberg. Utak-мица pocinje u 3 po podne na Schintler Reserve u Foot-scrayu, a predigri se sastaju mladi timovi JUSTA i Alexan-dera.

Po sjoj prilici JUST ce iz-vesti isti sastav, koji je doneo dva zlatna boda iz Brisbane. Sa nestrpljenjem se ocekuje dolazak Dragana Lacmanov-ica iz Jugoslavije, ali jos nema pozitivnih vesti. Ustvari kase se samo na odobrenje za ulazak u Australiju, sto je u rukama ministarstva za imigraciju i etnicke poslove, koje nije zadovoljno sa ta-јanstvenim odlaskom Vlade Pjevaljica zbog nerasciscenih racuna i obaveza. Razume se, JUST je najmanje kriv, a bio je najveca zrtva. Ne samo ovog igrača, vec mnogih drugih lazini velicina i zvezdi-ца.

U drzavnoj ligi St Albans je osvojio prvi bod, ali nije se od-lepilo sa zadnjeg mesta. Zbog susreta sa Severnim Novim Juznim Velsom Sledecu ne-đelje ne igra se osmo kolo.

Za prvenstvo u pet divizije Altona Gate/VARDAR po-бедо je dosta lako Doncaster Rovers sa 3:1 (2:0) na svom igralistu. Strelci: Zlatko Veljanovski, Chris Tundjevski i Venco Bozinovski.

Sastav Vardara: Chris Di-mitrijevski, Steve Dimovski, Jimmy Dervisovski, Jone Se-rovski, Chris Tundjevski, Lube Tulevski, Boris Cankovski, Venco Bozinovski (Cele Ta-levski), Zlatko Veljanovski, Fred Beller (Steve Trajkov-ski), Petar Kuzmanovski.

BURA U TABORU MAKE-DONIJE

Posle drugog uzastopnog poraza svojih ljubimaca, navi-јaci Makedonije su orlovis-va zlonicima i trazili smenu strucnog staba na celu sa Pete-rom Ollerton. Njihovo mis-ljenje ne deli uprava, ali morace da pusti pod snaz-нim pritiskom i talenatima igrača, dok trener Ringwood/Srbije ima nekoliko rupa, koje je tesko zakrpati. Talenatovani igrač nemaju dovoljno iskust-vo, ali se uprava i navijaci ne predaju, vec se pripremaju za sledecu sezonu. Ljuba Stoj-anovic je presao iz SLOge prole-недеље, ali je pronasao do je konkurencija u drugoj diviziji mnogo teza.

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Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:3. U sobutu 28. aprila Ring-wood/Srbija opet igra na svom terenu protiv SM Mordalooca.

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Igraliste Rosanne nalazi se u Yallambie, Kardina Drive, Mv 20 K.9.

Plavi/SLOGA - Clifton Hill

Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:2. U sobutu 28. aprila Vardar je gost Kew Park Rangers.

POJACANJE NIJE POMOGLO RINGWOOD/SRBIA

South Oakleigh 1:3 (0:2). Poca-нијо postigao je Pavle Jevtic u 80. minutu, posle in-директа koji je izveo trener Mirko Rubic. Protivnik je zasluзeno pobedio, jer ima mladije i talenatovnije igrače, dok trener Ringwood/Srbije ima nekoliko rupa, koje je tesko zakrpati. Talenatovani igrač nemaju dovoljno iskust-vo, ali se uprava i navijaci ne predaju, vec se pripremaju za sledecu sezonu. Ljuba Stoj-anovic je presao iz SLOge prole-недеље, ali je pronasao do je konkurencija u drugoj diviziji mnogo teza.

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Bosko Djordjevic, Zoran Krnic, Nebojsa Dragovic, Edi Kric, Dragan Milenkovic (Mile Jovanovic u 70. mi-νuta), Mladen Mutic (Sasa Milenkovic u 85. minuta), Miki Cvetkovski, Ivica Karic.

Najbolji igrač: Mladen Mutic, Bosko Djordjevic i Edi Kric. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:5 (0:3). Golman nosi na dusi najveći broj golova, dok je navala bila jalova, a imala je nekoliko lepih prilika.

U sobutu 28. aprila Zvezda igra protiv SHEppartona na Como Parku.

U sredu 25. aprila Crvena aveza igra prijateljsku utak-мицу protiv Richmond/Bosne na Como Parku. Rezerve po-пoпnju u 1 po podne, a prvi timovi u 3. Kantina sa ceparicima бice otvorena u podne.

Ballarat - Hawksburn 3:1. Treci uzastopni poraz Hawk-сburna objavljujemo opet bez izvestaja. U sobutu 28. aprila Hawksburn je domacin Clari-ndi.

PORAZI VOJVODINE I PELIS-TERA

Regent - Altona/Vojvodina 2:0. Opet je Vojvodina imala vise od igre, ali protivnik je davao golove. Sledecu subotu Vojvodina igra na svom igralistu u North Altoni protiv South Dandenonga.

South Dandenong - Pascoe Vale/PELISTER 3:0 (0:0). Tesko se igra bez najboljeg igrača (Mirko Dzanovski i Joe Benalla), ali jos teze kada je subja pristrasan. Iskljudo je bez velikog razloga Marka Radojcica u 74. minutu i posle toga Pelister je primio tri gola.

Sastav Pelistera: Steve Ma-racато, Zlatko Cvetanovski, Danny McLaughlin, Zoran Trajkovic (Zoran Risteviski), Marko Radojcic, Nik Lazarevski, Jani Bogojevski, Tony Centarrino, d Boris Cosic, George Cartabakalos, Angelo Graspini (Tome Apostolov-ски). Treba pomenuti da je golman South Dandenonga od-брано penal, koji je izveo Tony Centarrino.

Rezerva je osvetlala obraz visokog pobedom od 4:1 (2:1). Sva cetiri gola postigao je Tome Apostolovski.

U sobutu 28. aprila Pelister igra na svom igralistu protiv South Yarre.

Dingley-Ham-pton/БЕОGRAD 3:3. Nedos-таје nam izvestaji zbog razni-ца. U sobutu 28. aprila Ham-pton/Beograd igra protiv Clar-inda na Holand Parku u Ken-singtonu.

Parkmore/PLAVI DUNAV - St Kilda/HAKOAH 2:0 (1:0). Zasluзena pobeda nad prvim na tabeli. Strelci: Ignac Lasanc i Joe Biro iz jedanaes-terca. Rezerve su igralе ne-re-seno 2:2. Plavi Dunav je slobod-на sledecu subotu.

Monbulk/Richmond - MOSNA 3:0 (2:0). Ibro Had-ziabic je dosao da pomogne Bosnu, ali nije mu poslo za poroc. Bio je medju najbol-jiја na terenu, ali ostatak igračа Bosne je demoralisan i potrebno je vreme da se pov-рате i zaigraju kao na pocetku sezone.

Sastav Bosne: A. Becirivic, D. Petrovic, Z. Mikulic, I. Mukavec, B. Gavran, F. Erde-ди, T. Ortika, M. Kresinger (Branko Filipovic od 40. mi-νuta), Z. Stanimirov, P. Tomic, i Hadziabic.

Rezerve: Monbulk-Rich-mond/Bosna 6:3. Strelci: Nurko Porca u 40. minutu, Perduv u 57. i Josip Piskac u 63. minutu.

U sobutu 28. aprila Bosna igra na Burnley Ovalu protiv Mulgrava.

Za amatersko prvenstvo Melbourne Diggers Rest/Jadran igra u gostima protiv Lalora.

Prve juniorske krp utak-мице igraju se u sobutu 28. aprila.

Ispod 11 godina, Melbourne Croatia J.U.S.T.

Ispod 12 godina, Springvale City - J.U.S.T.

Ispod 13 godina, J.U.S.T. - ns.

Istog dana pocinje priјоis-nya novog juniora ispod 10 godi-ne. Ispod 10 godina, South Dandenonga od-брано penal, koji je izveo Tony Centarrino.



SCINTILLATING SOCCER THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY



WEDNESDAY APRIL 25



John Larkin
Blacktown

SYDNEY CITY v BLACKTOWN

at Athletic Field — 3 pm

Previous NSL results: Sydney City 2 wins

SYDNEY CROATIA v ST. GEORGE

at King Tomislav Park — 3 pm

No Previous NSL results



Vinke Toffe
Sydney Croatia



John Bradley
Leichhardt

BRISBANE CITY v LEICHHARDT

at Spencer Park — 3 pm

Previous NSL results: Brisbane City 5 wins, Leichhardt 1 win, 4 draws

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI

at Pratten Park — 3 pm

Previous NSL Results: Sydney Olympic 3 wins, Marconi 5 wins, 4 draws



Bertie Almond
Marconi



John Dowle
Juventus

JUVENTUS v BRISBANE LIONS

at Olympic Park No 1 — 3 pm

No Previous NSL results

SUNDAY APRIL 29



John Mihalidis
Canberra

Canberra Arrows v Melbourne Croatia

at Bruce Stadium — 3 pm

No previous NSL results

Melita Eagles v Penrith

at Melita Stadium — 3 pm

No previous NSL results



Colin McKeown
Melita Eagles



Charlie Vancos
Heidelberg

Footscray v Heidelberg

at Schintler Reserve — 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Footscray 1 win

Heidelberg 7 wins

6 draws

Green Gully v Adelaide City

at Gully Reserve — 3 pm

No previous NSL results



Paul Wade
Green Gully



South Melbourne v Preston

at Middle Park — 3 pm

Previous NSL results

South 2 wins

Preston 1 win

3 draws

West Adelaide v Sunshine City

at Hindmarsh — 2.30 pm

No previous NSL results

